

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1266
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2025

INCREASE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF ANAEMIC WOMEN

1266. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that percentage of anaemic women in the age group of 15–49 have increased in the country in the last one year; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

(a) & (b): As per National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-21), the prevalence of anaemia in women (15-49 years) across the country is 57.0 percent.

Approximately 50% of cases of anemia are considered to be due to iron deficiency. Other causes of anemia include other micronutrient deficiencies (e.g. folate, riboflavin, vitamins A and B12), acute and chronic infections (e.g. malaria, cancer, tuberculosis and HIV), helminthic infestation of hookworms and other parasitic worms, and inherited or acquired disorders that affect hemoglobin synthesis, red blood cell production or red blood cell survival (e.g. hemoglobinopathies).
