

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2045
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH MARCH, 2026**

SURVEY ON MALNOURISHED CHILDREN AND ANEMIC PREGNANT WOMEN

2045. #SHRI SHAKTISINH GOHIL:

Will the **Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether AIIMS Rajkot in Gujarat and Government Health Department has conducted a survey regarding the number of malnourished girls, children and anemic pregnant women, if so, the percentage thereof and if not, whether any other such surveys have been conducted; and
- (b) the percentage thereof in the country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Rajkot, in collaboration with the State Health Systems Resource Centre Gujarat (SHSRCG) under the Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Gujarat, conducted a cross-sectional study, titled as "*Prevalence and Determinants of Anaemia in Pregnant Women and Adolescent Girls in Gujarat: A Biochemical and Dietary Assessment.*" The study covered 2,805 pregnant women and 2,815 adolescent girls across 10 high anaemia burden districts of Gujarat.

The prevalence of anaemia in these 10 high anaemia burden districts was found to be 64.2% among pregnant women and 60.85% among adolescent girls. However, only 17.2% of anaemic pregnant women and 21.2% of anaemic adolescent girls had absolute iron deficiency.

(b) As per National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) (2019-21), the prevalence of anaemia at the national level is 52.2% among pregnant women, and 59.1% among adolescent girls.
