

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1886
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04-08-2026**

MISSING CRUCIAL HEALTH DATA FROM NFHS 6

1886: SMT. RAJATHI:

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

- (a) the reasons for deletion of crucial data including mortality, sex ratio at birth, prevalence of anaemia and teenage pregnancy from the recently published 6th edition of National Family Health Survey (NFHS);
- (b) the detailed list of indicators that were featured in NFHS 5 and not reported in NFHS 6; and
- (c) what specific measures have been taken to address the lack of updated official data relating these indicators deleted?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) conducts an integrated survey namely National Family Health Survey (NFHS). The survey provides data on health and family welfare and associated domains like characteristics of the population; fertility and fertility preferences; family planning; maternal and child health; nutrition; morbidity and healthcare; women's empowerment, etc. The National and State/UT Fact Sheets of sixth round of NFHS (2023-24) were released on 29.05.2026.

The indicators to be included in the NFHS-6 National and State/UT Fact Sheets were finalized on the recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) constituted for NFHS-6, comprising representatives from concerned Ministries/Departments including Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Women & Child Development (MoWCD), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India (ORGI), NITI Aayog, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) etc.

The TAC recommended finalizing the list of indicators for the Fact Sheets in line with the Data Harmonization initiatives of the Government of India (GoI), so as to avoid inconsistencies arising from fragmented and unharmonized data available across different official data sources. The TAC further recommended that the Fact Sheets are intended to present only key indicators, particularly those related to health and family welfare, so as to better highlight the key takeaways of the survey.

Additionally, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, after due deliberations, decided to adopt the prevalence figures of anaemia to be arrived from an independent survey conducted by Indian Council of Medical Research utilizing the gold standard intravenous method for haemoglobin testing.

The National and State/UT Fact Sheets of NFHS-6 (2023-24) and NFHS-5 (2019-21), along with the indicators featured therein, are available on the website at <https://www.nfhsiips.in/nfhsuser/index.php>

Under National Health Mission, the Government of India assesses the planning, monitoring and implementation of various maternal, child and nutrition health schemes by undertaking periodic Regional/State level review meetings, field visits in various States/Union Territories (UTs) and through various digital platforms.
