

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4926
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST MARCH, 2017**

CHILD ANAEMIA

**4926. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:
KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:
SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:
SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the recently released National Family Health Survey (NFHS-4) results which show that over 58 percent of children below five years of age are anaemic;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government on such survey report;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that insufficient haemoglobin in the blood leaves children exhausted, vulnerable to infections and possibly affects their brain development, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government is aware of a survey in 2015-16 that covered six lakh households, which showed that around 38 percent of children in the same age group were stunted, 21 percent were wasted and 36 percent underweight and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

- (a) & (b): Yes. As per the previous National Family Health Survey (NFHS) 3 Report, 69.5 per cent of children aged 6 to 59 months were anaemic. However, there has been a significant reduction in anaemia prevalence by about 11 point per cent in the same age group in last ten years as per NFHS 4 Report.
- (c): Government is aware of the fact as enough scientific literature which show that, anaemia resulting from insufficient Haemoglobin in blood, affects cognitive development and reduces immunity making child more susceptible to infections.
- (d): Government is aware of the recently released National Family Health Survey (NFHS-4) Report which shows that 38.4 per cent children below five years are stunted, 21 per cent are wasted and 35.7 per cent are underweight. The State-wise detail of stunting, wasting and underweight prevalence as per NFHS-4 survey report is **annexed**.

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Annexure

State-wise Under-five Child Malnutrition Prevalence (NFHS-4)				
Sl No.	STATES	Children under 5 years who are stunted (%)	Children under 5 years who are wasted (%)	Children under 5 years who are underweight (%)
	All India	38.4	21	35.7
1	AN Islands	23.3	18.9	21.6
2	Andhra P.	31.4	17.2	31.9
3	Arunachal P.	29.4	17.3	19.5
4	Assam	36.4	17	29.8
5	Bihar	48.3	20.8	43.9
6	Chandigarh	28.7	10.9	24.5
7	Chhattisgarh	37.6	23.1	37.7
8	D N Haveli	41.7	27.6	38.9
9	Daman & Diu	23.4	24.1	26.7
10	Delhi	32.3	17.1	27
11	Goa	20.1	21.9	23.8
12	Gujarat	38.5	26.4	39.3
13	Haryana	34	21.2	29.4
14	Himachal P.	26.3	13.7	21.2
15	J & K	27.4	12.1	16.6
16	Jharkhand	45.3	29	47.8
17	Karnataka	36.2	26.1	35.2
18	Kerala	19.7	15.7	16.1
19	Lakshadweep	27	13.8	23.4
20	Madhya P.	42	25.8	42.8
21	Maharashtra	29.3	24.9	30.7
22	Manipur	28.9	6.8	13.8
23	Meghalaya	43.8	15.3	29
24	Mizoram	28	6.1	11.9
25	Nagaland	28.6	11.2	16.8
26	Odisha	34.1	20.4	34.4
27	Puducherry	23.7	23.6	22
28	Punjab	25.7	15.6	21.6
29	Rajasthan	39.1	23	36.7
30	Sikkim	29.6	14.2	14.2
31	Tamil Nadu	27.1	19.7	23.8
32	Telengana	28.1	18	28.5
33	Tripura	24.3	16.8	24.1
34	Uttar P.	46.3	17.9	39.5
35	Uttarakhand	33.5	19.5	26.6
36	West Bengal	32.5	20.3	31.5