

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 4618**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2018

**READY TO USE THERAPEUTIC FOOD FOR CHILDREN**

4618. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some NGOs pushed packaged food as a strategy to address severe malnutrition;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has found Ready to Use Therapeutic Foods (RUTF) not suitable to children and has written to all the States/UTs that there is no enough evidence to support RUTF for children; and
- (c) if so, the deficiencies found by Government in RUTF and response of the States and UTs in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

- (a) to (c): The Government has issued advisory to all the States/UTs that for the management of Children with Severe Malnutrition, the decision to provide RUTF may be taken by the individual States/UTs in consultation with the National Technical Board on Nutrition under the Chairmanship of Member, NITI Aayog.

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