

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1985
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST DECEMBER, 2018
NUTRITIONAL REHABILITATION CENTRES**

1985. SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

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

- (a) the total number of Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) and estimated number of malnourished children along with the number of such children registered under the said NRC, State/UT wise;
- (b) the details of the system established by NRCs to identify such extremely undernourished children in order to improve their condition;
- (c) the number of such children registered under NRCs in whose condition significant improvement have been noticed;
- (d) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning and work execution of these NRCs and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make the said NRCs more effective?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) to (e):

- Under National Health Mission (NHM) 1151 NRCs have been established all across the country to provide facility based care for children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and medical complications. As per National Family Health Survey (NFHS 4, 2015-16), 7.5% of under five children are severely wasted and 35.8% of children are underweight.
- Children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) along with medical complications are referred from villages by frontline workers such ASHA and Anganwadi workers and admitted to NRCs as per the defined admission criteria. In order to improve their health condition, medical and nutritional therapeutic care is provided during NRC stay.
- As per report received from States/ UTs, 1.86 lakhs under five children were admitted in the NRCs in the year of 2017-18, out of which 1.17 lakhs children were discharged with target weight gain.
- Regular and periodic review of NRC functionality is carried out under child health programme by central and State Government teams including through Common Review Mission visits. Accordingly, specific recommendations are provided for improvement of NRC functionality and quality of service delivery.

Number of children registered under NRCs, State and UT wise is placed at annexure.

ANNEXURE

State/ UT wise NRC Admission Details	
State/ UTs*	Children admitted in NRC (2017-18)
Arunachal Pradesh	NA
Andhra Pradesh	5071
Assam	921
Bihar	8959
Chhattisgarh	13845
Gujarat	21743
Haryana	1340
Himachal Pradesh	878
Jammu & Kashmir	727
Jharkhand	11113
Karnataka	4224
Kerala	45
Madhya Pradesh	70859
Maharashtra	5417
Manipur	7
Meghalaya	498
Mizoram	16
Nagaland	93
Odisha	8335
Rajasthan	7936
Tamil Nadu	467
Telangana	3227
Uttar Pradesh	14168
Uttarakhand	96
West Bengal	5244
Chandigarh	146
Dadra & NH	50
Delhi	1294
India	1,86,719