

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 972
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2019

CHILD MALNUTRITION AND ICDS

972. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:

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

- (a) whether 40 out of 1,000 infants in India do not survive till their first birthday, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether malnutrition is a major cause of infant deaths and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether funding for child development scheme remains insufficient and if so, the response of the Union Government thereon;
- (d) the budget allocation for the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) since 2016-17 till 2018-19 in comparison to previous financial years and the reason for decline in allocations over the years and some States facing deeper cuts than others;
- (e) whether the scheme is presently able to cover only about 50 percent of the children under the age of six and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to cover 100 percent children under the age of six within ICDS?

ANSWER

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

- (a): No, Madam. As per Sample Registration System (SRS) of Registrar General of India, the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) at National level is 34 per 1000 live births in 2016.
- (b): As per the report on the Medical Certification of Causes of Death, 2015, by Registrar General of India, the prominent causes of mortality of infants are certain conditions originating in the perinatal period (78.5%) which include hypoxia, birth asphyxia and other respiratory conditions, slow fetal growth, fetal malnutrition and immaturity; diseases of respiratory system (5.2%); congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities (3.9%); diseases of circulatory system (1.6%); and heart diseases including pulmonary circulation (1.2%).
- (c) & (d): No, Madam. Sufficient funds are available under the Scheme. The budget allocation for the Anganwadi Services Scheme under the Umbrella ICDS is as under:

Sl.No.	Year	Budget Estimates (Rs. in crore)
1.	2013-14	17,770.00
2.	2014-15	18,195.00
3.	2015-16	8,335.77*
4.	2016-17	14000.00
5.	2017-18	15245.19
6.	2018-19	16,334.88

* Increased to 15483.77 crore

- (e) & (f): The Anganwadi Services under the Umbrella ICDS Scheme is a self-selecting scheme and has been universalized to cover all eligible beneficiaries. Presently, 728.42 lakh children under six years of age have availed the benefits of the scheme.