

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5701
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH JULY, 2019**

ANAEMIA AMONG WOMEN

5701. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of excessive number of women affected by anaemia in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to include anaemia under Mission Indradhanush, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the effective steps being taken by the Government to tackle anaemia; and
- (d) the funds allocated to tackle anaemia in the country including Bundelkhand during the last three years?

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

(a): According to National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-IV (2015-16), the prevalence of anemia among women aged 15 to 49 years is 53.1%.

(b): No.

Mission Indradhanush is an immunization programme for reaching the unvaccinated and partially vaccinated children and pregnant women with immunization.

(c): Under the National Health Mission (NHM), the steps taken to tackle anaemia are:

1. Anaemia Mukt Bharat (AMB) programme has been launched in the year 2018 as part of Intensified National Iron Plus Initiative (NIPI) Program for accelerating the annual rate of decline of anemia from one to three percentage points. The target groups for AMB are Children 6-59 months, 5-9 years, Adolescent Girls & Boys of 10-19 years, Women of Reproductive Age (15-49 years), pregnant Women and Lactating mothers.

2. Weekly Iron and Folic Acid Supplementation (WIFS) Programme is being implemented to meet the challenge of high prevalence and incidence of anaemia amongst adolescent girls and boys. The intervention under WIFS include supervised weekly ingestion of Iron Folic Acid (IFA) tablet (each IFA tablet contains 100mg elemental iron and 500µg folic acid) for 52 weeks in a year. Biannual administration of Albendazole 400mg is being done to control worm infestation.
3. Universal screening, line listing and follow up of all pregnant women for anemia is a part of ante-natal care. Every pregnant woman is given iron and folic acid supplementation in antenatal and post-natal period for six months each. All Pregnant Women are also counselled on nutrition.
4. Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) has been launched to focus on conducting special ANC check-ups on 9th of every month with the help of Medical officers/ OBGYN to detect and treat cases of anemia.
5. Operationalization of Blood Banks in District Hospitals and Blood Storage Unit in Sub district facilities such as Sub-Divisional Hospital/ Community Health Centers is being undertaken to manage severe anemia.
6. To manage the problem of anemia due to malaria particularly in pregnant women and children, Long Lasting Insecticide Nets (LLINs) and Insecticide Treated Bed Nets (ITBNs) are being distributed in endemic areas.
7. MCP Cards and Safe Motherhood Booklets are being distributed to the pregnant women for educating them on dietary diversification and promotion of consumption of IFA.
8. Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material in the form of posters, hoardings, wall-writings and audio-visuals have been developed & disseminated to the States/UTs to promote prevention of anaemia, dietary diversification, inclusion of iron folate rich food as well as food items that promote iron absorption.

(d): The funds allocated to tackle anaemia in the country including Bundelkhand during the last three years is Rs 326.39 crores (2016-17), Rs 410.14 crores (2017-18), and Rs 998.85 crores (2018-19).