

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION. No. 2729
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH AUGUST 2023**

“TARGET OF ZERO HUNGER”

2729. SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has set any target for achieving 'zero hunger' by 2030;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) functioning under United Nations Organisation (UNO), in their report in 2021 has claimed that the set target cannot be achieved as envisaged; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereto?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (d)

Government has set a target of achieving 'zero hunger' by 2030: 'end hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round'. This goal is identified under Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2 to help organize and streamline development actions for greater achievement of human wellbeing.

In order to achieve zero hunger target, Government is implementing National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013, which provides highly subsidized food grains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) for coverage upto 75% of the rural population and upto 50% of the urban population. Supplementary Nutrition is provided to children age 6 months to 6 years at Anganwadi centres as per nutrition norms under Schedule II of NFSA Act 2013. The Pradhan Mantri POshan SHAKti Nirman Yojana (PM POSHAN) under Ministry of Education, provides one hot cooked meal in Government and Government-aided schools as per nutrition norms under Schedule II of National Food Security Act, 2013 to school going children from Balvatikas (pre-school) to Class VIII. Under this programme, iron fortified rice is promoted. Also, Iron Folic Acid tablets are distributed to school going children on weekly

basis through fixed day approach in schools and to out of school going children in Anganwadi Centres.

Other schemes to address zero hunger include Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyay – Gramin Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), PM Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme, Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM), Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojna (PMGKAY), Aspirational Districts Programme, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-Dhan Yojana, Skill India, Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), Stand Up India Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana etc.
