

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3731  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023**

**NFHS ON ANAEMIA**

**3731. SHRI VENKATESH NETHA BORLAKUNTA:  
DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:**

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

- (a) whether National Family Health Survey was conducted between 20th June and 8th of July, 2023;
- (b) whether it is true that there is no column to measure whether a person is anaemic; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): The National Family Health Survey (NFHS) in India was initiated in the early 1990s and has emerged as a nationally important source of data on population, health and nutrition for India, its States and all districts. For the latest ongoing round of NFHS (NFHS-6, 2023-24), the mapping and listing field operations for most of the States/UTs in first phase was undertaken during March -May 2023 followed by commencement of field activities for the main survey in these States/UTs in June 2023.

(b) and (c): After due deliberations, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare decided to adopt the prevalence figures of anaemia to be arrived by Indian Council of Medical Research - National Institute of Nutrition in the Diet and Biomarkers Survey (DABS) utilizing the gold standard intravenous method for haemoglobin testing.

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