

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1142**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.11.2019

**MALNOURISHED CHILDREN**

**1142.** SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH  
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to a recently published report of UNICEF, every third child in the world and every second child in India is malnourished and if so, the details of the measures taken by the Government to eradicate severe acute malnutrition among children, women and adolescent girls in the country;
- (b) whether the guidelines issued by the Government did not yield the desired results in preventing the malnutrition problems, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any measures/launched programmes to revise the method of dealing with the malnutrition problems in an effective way to reduce the number of malnourished children, if so, the response/future vision of the Government in this regard;
- (d) the details of work done under National Nutrition Mission along with the amount of funds allocated and utilised thereunder, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has devised any new initiatives and policies for the development of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) in the country: and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the performance of the ICDS programme during the last five years?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) As per the report of NFHS-4 conducted in 2015-16, 35.7% children under 5 years of age are underweight and 38.4% are stunted indicating a reduction from the previous NFHS – 3 conducted in 2005-06, which reported 42.5% children under 5 years of age as underweight and 48% stunted. Further, **as per the report of Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS) conducted during 2016-18, prevalence of stunting, wasting and underweight among children is 34.7%, 17% and 33.4% respectively, which indicates further reduction when compared to the levels reported by NFHS-4; and hence an improvement from the previous status.**

The Government has accorded high priority to the issue of malnutrition and is implementing several schemes like Anganwadi Services, Scheme for Adolescent Girls and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojna (PMMVY) under the Umbrella Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme as direct targeted interventions to address the problem of malnutrition in the country. Children with Severe Acute Malnutrition are treated at the Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres established by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Further steps taken under the National Health Mission (NHM), a flagship programme of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, to address malnutrition inter alia include promotion of appropriate Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices, Anaemia Mukh Bharat, Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) supplementation, de-worming, promotion of iodized salt, Vitamin-A supplementation, Mission Indradhanush to ensure high coverage of vaccination in children, conducting intensified diarrhoea control fortnights to control childhood diarrhoea, management of sick severely malnourished children at Nutrition Rehabilitation Centers, monthly Village Health and Nutrition Days, Home Based Newborn Care (HBNC) and Home Based Young Child care (HBYC) programmes, Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram, etc.

(c) & (d) Government set up POSHAN Abhiyaan on 18.12.2017 for a three year time frame commencing from 2017-18 with an overall budget of Rs. 9046 Crore. To ensure a holistic approach, all 36 States/UTs and districts have been covered. The goals of POSHAN Abhiyaan are to achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children from 0-6 years, Adolescent Girls, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers in a time bound manner during the three years with fixed targets as under:

S.No.	Objective	Target
1.	Prevent and reduce Stunting in children (0- 6 years)	By 6% @ 2% p.a.
2.	Prevent and reduce under-nutrition (underweight prevalence) in children (0-6 years)	By 6% @ 2% p.a.
3.	Reduce the prevalence of anaemia among young Children(6-59 months)	By 9% @ 3% p.a.
4.	Reduce the prevalence of anaemia among Women and Adolescent Girls in the age group of 15-49 years.	By 9% @ 3% p.a.
5.	Reduce Low Birth Weight (LBW).	By 6% @ 2% p.a.

The Abhiyaan aims to reduce malnutrition in the country in a phased manner, through a life cycle approach, by adopting a synergised and result oriented approach. The Abhiyaan will ensure mechanisms for timely service delivery and a robust monitoring as well as intervention infrastructure. Target is to bring down stunting of the children in the age group of 0-6 years from 38.4% to 25% by the year 2022. The major activities undertaken under this Abhiyaan are ensuring convergence with various other programmes; Information Technology enabled Common Application Software for strengthening service delivery and interventions; Community Mobilization and Awareness Advocacy leading to Jan Andolan- to educate the people on nutritional aspects; Capacity Building of Frontline Functionaries, incentivizing States/ UTs for achieving goals etc. The State-wise funds allocated and utilized is at **Annexure-I.**

(e) & (f) Under the revised Anganwadi Services, besides delivering six services under the scheme to the beneficiaries, the existing provisions have been strengthened; the remuneration payable to the AWW/AWH has been increased and provision of Rs. 12,000/- per AWC for construction of toilets in 70,000 Government owned AWC buildings per year and Rs. 10,000/- per AWC for 20,000 AWCs per year for providing drinking water facilities has been made for the FY 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. Over the past years the number of Anganwadi Centres with Toilet Facilities has significantly increased from 698379 AWCs buildings as on 31.03.2015 to 1014655 AWCs as on 30.06.2019. Similarly, drinking water facility has increased from 887293 AWCs as on 31.03.2015 to 1218027 AWCs as on 30.06.2019. The number of operational projects and AWCs has increased to 7075 and 13.77 lakh respectively as on 30.06.2019.

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**Annexure-I**

Statement referred to in reply to part (d) of the reply to Lok Sabha Un-Starred Q.No. 1142 for 22.11.2019 raised by SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH

State/UT-wise details of funds released under POSHAN Abhiyaan

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Fund Released			Utilization during 2018-19	Released during 2019-20	Utilization during 2019-20 as on 31.10.2019
		2017 – 18	2018-19	Total			
1	Andhra Pradesh	2572.41	8604.68	11177.09	3011.16	5582.52	4340.34
2	Bihar	7063.44	15001.67	22065.11	5380.00	10000.00	12309.59
3	Chhattisgarh	1668.12	9629.51	11297.63	1550.93	0.00	1341.01
4	Delhi	945.95	2206.88	3152.83	164.80	0.00	958.54
5	Goa	238.07	197.78	435.85	0.00	0.00	92.58
6	Gujarat	3036.66	11228.03	14264.69	2606.06	7531.00	6444.74
7	Haryana	400.97	5992.46	6393.43	310.11	0.00	1086.18
8	Jharkhand	2429.59	5110.45	7540.04	305.19	0.00	746.14
9	Karnataka	3351.05	9870.89	13221.94	0.00	0.00	97.62
10	Kerala	1273.37	6491.91	7765.28	109.64	0.00	570.19
11	Madhya Pradesh	4067.20	15894.17	19961.37	5516.17	17883.00	4628.88
12	Maharashtra	2572.31	20989.28	23561.59	11557.19	33061.47	11482.54
13	Odisha	4600.46	10571.65	15172.11	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	Puducherry	39.24	393.70	432.94	104.33	497.00	116.37
15	Punjab	819.51	6090.33	6909.84	30.88	0.00	0.00
16	Rajasthan	4216.26	9680.99	13897.25	3144.67	0.00	2200.78
17	Tamil Nadu	1340.51	12210.93	13551.44	2692.37	0.00	1904.02
18	Telangana	1736.94	8595.70	10332.64	2897.82	7003.00	1650.97
19	Uttar Pradesh	8440.60	29582.87	38023.47	5986.37	0.00	8157.38
20	West Bengal	5545.27	19294.11	24839.38	0.00	0.00	0.00
21	Arunachal Pradesh	52.93	2663.35	2716.28	368.30	0.00	0.00
22	Assam	2298.27	15492.36	17790.63	785.58	14171.00	6569.98
23	Himachal Pradesh	1557.26	4153.15	5710.41	1288.88	2480.00	3075.46
24	Jammu & Kashmir	388.59	8343.52	8732.11	1417.25	0.00	9.89
25	Manipur	340.46	3865.37	4205.83	1233.24	0.00	0.00
26	Meghalaya	462.98	1713.27	2176.25	1536.18	1706.80	342.19
27	Mizoram	119.38	957.65	1077.03	1077.03	902.00	211.77
28	Nagaland	163.74	1251.97	1415.71	811.07	1445.17	567.33
29	Sikkim	98.59	328.47	427.06	157.16	544.00	180.98
30	Tripura	277.91	3695.72	3973.63	606.01	0.00	204.74
31	Uttarakhand	1866.25	4301.57	6167.82	1030.43	3696.00	2383.43
	<b>Total</b>	<b>63984.29</b>	<b>254404.39</b>	<b>318388.68</b>	<b>55678.82</b>	<b>106502.96</b>	<b>71673.64</b>

Sl. No.	UT without Legislature	Funds Released			Utilization during 2018-19	Funds Released during 2019-20	Utilization during 2019-20 as on 31.10.2019
		2017 – 18	2018-19	Total			
1	Andaman & Nicobar	100.22	416.89	517.11	109.27	307.62	63.77
2	Chandigarh	158.88	306.82	465.70	133.21	526.97	95.67
3	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	108.83	129.32	238.15	123.98	431.16	114.16
4	Daman & Diu	42.06	197.66	239.72	65.68	446.98	131.98
5	Lakshadweep	60.00	138.90	198.90	72.15	126.75	126.75
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>469.99</b>	<b>1189.59</b>	<b>1659.58</b>	<b>504.29</b>	<b>1839.48</b>	<b>532.33</b>

- POSHAN Abhiyaan approved on 18.12.2017