

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 1848**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2019

**IMPLEMENTATION OF NNM**

1848. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

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

- (a) whether the country is unlikely to meet the target set under the ambitious National Nutrition Mission (NNM) for reduction in prevalence of stunting, underweight, low birth weight and anaemia in women and children by 2022;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the rate of progress required to achieve the desired targets is much higher than the rate at which the programme is being currently implemented; and
- (d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken up by the Government to accelerate the National Nutrition Mission?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) :Government is implementing POSHAN Abhiyaan (earlier known as National Nutrition Mission ) since 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to address the problem of malnutrition in the country. To ensure a holistic approach, all districts of 37 States/UTs have been covered in the Abhiyaan. 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 anemia among young Children(6-59 months)	By 9% @ 3% p.a.
4.	Reduce the prevalence of anemia 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 results of the POSHAN Abhiyaan can be known after the programme has completed its approved period. However, in the meantime, as per the report of Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS) conducted by UNICEF, prevalence of stunting, wasting and underweight among children is 34.7%, 17% and 33.4% respectively, which is an improvement and reduction from the levels reported in National Family Health Survey-4.

Meetings were held with Hon'ble Chief Ministers of 15 States during the last six months to review the progress of POSHAN Abhiyaan, in which apart from the senior officers of Ministry, representatives of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and NITI Aayog also participated. National Council under the Chairmanship of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog and the Executive Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD) also monitor the progress of POSHAN Abhiyaan. Secretary, MWCD has also reviewed the progress of POSHAN Abhiyaan with the Chief Secretaries of the States during his visits to the States. Recently, a national conference was organised on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 with State Secretaries of Women and Child Development for in-depth review of POSHAN Abhiyaan and other Schemes. Series of Video Conferences are also organized in order to accelerate the progress of POSHAN Abhiyaan. Letters are also sent regularly to Chief Secretaries/State Secretaries of Women and Child Development regarding monitoring and effective implementation of POSHAN Abhiyaan.

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