

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2455
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD DECEMBER, 2019**

INTEGRATION OF VARIOUS SCHEMES TO PREVENT HUNGER

2455. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that India ranks 102nd out of 117 countries in the 2019 Global Hunger Index, reflecting inefficiency of existing schemes and the constant pervasive malnutrition prevailing in the country;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government is willing to consider integrating all relevant schemes under on single authority, thereby ensuring uniformity in the implementation of these schemes; and**
- (c) whether the Government has any plan of introducing a policy shift, focusing on nutri-cereals, pulses, milk and poultry etc., if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**A N S W E R
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
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(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)**

(a): As per information available in the public domain (<https://www.concern.net/insights/global-hunger-index-2019>), India's ranking in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) brought out by Concern World Wide is 102. As per GHI Report 2019 of Concern World Wide, the composite GHI scores of India have improved from 38.8 in 2000 to 30.3 in 2019. Thus, the country has shown consistent improvement over the years. Government has taken initiatives like Anaemia Mukht Bharat, POSHAN Abhiyaan, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, etc. to tackle the challenge of malnutrition.

(b): No sir.

(c): The Government is already allocating Nutri-Cereals on the request of States/Union Territories under National Food Security Act, 2013 for distribution in Public Distribution System at highly subsidized price of Rs. 1 per kg.

National Food Security Mission (NFSM) was launched in 2007-08 to increase the production of rice, wheat and pulses through area expansion and productivity enhancement; restoring soil fertility and productivity; creating employment opportunities; and enhancing farm level economy. From 2016-17, NFSM- Pulses is being implemented in 638 districts of 29 States and NFSM-Coarse Cereals in 269 districts of 27 states. From the year 2018-19, National Food Security Mission- Nutri-Cereals is being implemented in 202 districts of 14 States (Jowar in 88 districts of 10 states, Bajra in 88 districts of 9 states, Ragi in 44 districts of 8 states and other millets in 43 districts of 7 states). Under NFSM-Coarse Cereals, Maize is being implemented in 237 districts of 26 states & 2 UTs viz, Laddakh and Jammu & Kashmir and Barley in 39 districts of 4 states of the country.

The implementation of NFSA through the Public Distribution System (PDS) is a joint responsibility of the Central and State Governments/UT Administrations.

The State/UT Governments allow sale of commodities other than the foodgrains distributed under the Targeted Public Distribution System at the fair price shop.
