

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2703
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.03.2020

MICRO NUTRIENT DEFICIENCIES AMONG PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

2703. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to plan to overcome Micro nutrient deficiencies among Pre-school children across the country and if so, the details of programmes implemented for this purpose during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (b) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government in future to combat malnutrition across the country, State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the details of funds allocated for this purpose under the ICDS scheme to the States during the said period, State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) whether any additional programmes are being planned for marginalized groups living in tribal, rural and remote areas across the country especially in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (e) In order to address the micronutrient deficiencies among preschool children across the country including marginalized groups living in tribal, rural and remote areas across the country including Andhra Pradesh, the Government is taking following measures:

- (i) Supplementary Nutrition is provided under the Anganwadi Services Scheme in order to bridge the gap between the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) and Average Dietary Intake (ADI). The Supplementary Nutrition is provided in the form of Hot Cooked Meal, (ii) Morning Snack and (iii) Micronutrient Fortified Food and/or Energy-dense Food as Take Home Ration (THR).
- (ii) States/UTs have been advised to use fortified food items under the Supplementary Nutrition Programme.
- (iii) Government has also emphasized the importance of dietary diversification to address micronutrient deficiencies through the use of fresh local fruits and vegetables depending on the local food habits. In this context, States/UTs have also been advised to promote Nutrition Garden/Kitchen Garden in the premises of Anganwadi Centers to help ensure regular supply of fresh fruits and vegetables rich in micronutrients like Iron, Vitamin-C, etc., for inclusion in supplementary nutrition and improve the nutritional status of Anganwadi Services beneficiaries.
- (iv) States/UTs have also been advised to include Millets (nutri-cereals / coarse grains like Jowar, Bajra, Ragi, etc.) in the recipes to enhance the nutritional quality of meals provided under Supplementary Nutrition Programme.

- (v) Under the National Health Mission, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, is implementing supplementation programmes like Anaemia Mukh Bharat (Iron and Folic Acid supplementation for children, adolescents, pregnant women and lactating mothers), Vitamin-A supplementation for children under 5 years, promotion of iodized salt, administration of de-worming tablets and promotion of appropriate infant and young child feeding practices under the Mothers' Absolute Affection (MAA) programme.
- (vi) Under the POSHAN Abhiyaan, Community Mobilization and Awareness Advocacy is carried out leading to Jan Andolan to impart education on nutritional aspects.
- (vii) The Food and Nutrition Board of the Ministry imparts education and training in nutrition and works towards generating awareness through electronic and print media on the importance of healthy balanced diets especially through the use of locally available foods.

The details of State/UT-wise funds allocated during the last three years under the supplementary nutrition component of Anganwadi Services under the Umbrella ICDS scheme including Andhra Pradesh at Annexure.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to part (a to e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q.No. 2703 to be answered on 06.03.2020

State/UT-wise Fund released in Supplementary Nutrition component of the Anganwadi Services Scheme during last 3 years:

(Rs. in Lakh)

S. No.	State/UTs	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	31467.53	31596.87	37353.55
2	BIHAR	52520.17	53741.97	76987.83
3	CHHATTISGARH	22461.93	25724.9	24279.95
4	GOA	591.45	1011.2	859.5
5	GUJARAT	36162.61	38496.97	32051.56
6	HARYANA	7131.04	3945.75	7305.22
7	JHARKHAND	28723.1	25347.42	29083.25
8	KARNATAKA	33914.94	56009.24	43588.97
9	KERALA	8305.96	10976.6	10785.38
10	MADHYA PRADESH	55779.33	66775.88	64088.78
11	MAHARASHTRA	32053.19	41445.78	106535.22
12	ODISHA	25519.58	47316.24	43450.56
13	PUNJAB	3124.57	5282.25	3744.1
14	RAJASTHAN	33045.65	34931.86	34950.74
15	TAMIL NADU	26017.9	33186.7	37271.35
16	TELANGANA	17418.86	18130.74	22045.61
17	UTTAR PRADESH	160784.24	129353.52	104579.08
18	WEST BENGAL	30462.46	67697.94	68046.87
19	DELHI	7551.09	4051.41	3474.65
20	PUDUCHERRY	1702.02	851.02	0.00
21	HIMACHAL PRADESH	4662.06	5795.63	6976.21
22	JAMMU & KASHMIR	4035.18	4035.17	2128.5
23	UTTARAKHAND	4649.44	15212.13	13612.57
24	A & N ISLANDS	262.68	284.57	369.94
25	CHANDIGARH	190.49	592.09	769.72
26	D&NAGAR HAVELI	203.8	129.89	168.86
27	DAMAN & DIU	174.12	130.83	170.08
28	LAKSHADWEEP	68.32	85.35	100.26
29	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	4052.72	4035.02	4411.40
30	ASSAM	17921.03	31554.71	30597.01
31	MANIPUR	500	5244.2	7134.08
32	MEGHALAYA	11184.72	12238.89	12364.04
33	MIZORAM	2156.92	1539.37	1843.36
34	NAGALAND	10611.05	7000.08	8231.20
35	SIKKIM	644.34	481.21	450.66
36	TRIPURA	4010.56	6456.59	7781.78
Total		680065.05	790689.99	847591.84

