GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2261 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.09.2020

POSHAN ABHIYAAN

2261. SHRI JAYANT SINHA

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

- (a) the current levels of malnutrition, stunting, wasting, anemia among children between 6-59 months and anemia among women and adolescent girls in the age 15-49 years across the country, specially the targets set to overcome the same in Jharkhand, district-wise; and
- (b) the nature of convergence across different schemes run by the Government with the Poshan Abhiyaan?

ANSWER

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

(a) The status of malnutrition, stunting, wasting, anemia among children between 6-59 months and anemia among women and adolescent girls in the age 15-49 years in the country amongst children and adolescent girls is covered under the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted periodically by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The details of status of national level and State of Jharkhand are as under:

	NFHS-4 2015-16 (National level)	NFHS-4 2015-16 (Jharkhand)
Wasting	21%	29%
Stunting	38.4%	45.3%
Under-weight	35.8%	47.8%
Anaemia in Children under 5 years	58.6%	68.9%
Anaemia in women and adolescent girls in the age 15-49 years	53.1%	65.2%

District-wise status of Malnutrition and Anaemia of State of Jharkhand is at **Annexure**. Target of POSHAN Abhiyaan is to reduce the level of stunting, under-weight and low birth weight among children @ 2% per annum and reduce the level of anemia among children, Adolescent girls and women @ 3% per annum.

POSHAN Abhiyaan envisages convergence of various schemes and programmes for (b) addressing malnutrition. The Anganwadi Services, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, Scheme for Adolescent Girls schemes of Ministry of Women & Child Development; Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), National Health Mission (NHM) of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Swachh Bharat Mission of Ministry of Jal Shakti; Public Distribution System (PDS) of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution; Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) of Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD); are some such schematic interventions. Convergent approach of service delivery in partnership with other partner Ministries i.e. Ministry of Panchayati Raj; Ministry of Tribal Affairs, NITI Aayog, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Ministry of AYUSH, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare etc is also mandated under POSHAN Abhiyaan. Convergence at State, district and block levels is ensured under the Abhiyaan, through State level Convergence meeting on Quarterly basis with line departments of State chaired by Chief Secretary; District level Convergence meeting with line departments chaired by District Magistrate; and Block level Convergence meeting with line departments chaired by Sub-Divisional Magistrate.

Statement referred in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2261 for 23.09.2020

District-wise status of Malnutrition and Anaemia of Jharkhand (Source: NFHS 4)							
Districts	Children under 5 years who are underweight (weight-for age)	Children under 5 years who are stunted (height-for age)	Children under 5 years who are wasted (weight-for- height)	All women age 15-49 years who are anaemic	Children age 6 to 59 months who are anaemic (<11.0g/DL %)		
Bokaro	61.3	45.9	43.8	78.1	74.0		
Chatra	52.3	50.9	30.7	56.7	60.6		
Deoghar	46.3	45.7	23.4	57.4	64.6		
Dhanbad	45.0	41.0	31.2	70.6	69.9		
Dumka	54.3	44.6	42.1	65.6	74.9		
Garhwa	51.2	46.2	31.9	60.4	65.4		
Giridih	40.5	45.2	23.4	69.9	74.4		
Godda	47.1	55.1	25.6	71.8	80.7		
Gumla	48.6	46.5	32.0	70.4	73.8		
Hazaribagh	46.9	51.3	23.6	61.6	64.3		
Jamtara	49.9	43.6	29.9	65.7	73.7		
Khunti	54.9	40.8	43.8	64.8	64.8		
Kodarma	40.6	43.6	19.7	63.9	72.4		
Latehar	45.3	44.9	29.5	53.2	50.1		
Lohardaga	50.6	43.8	30.7	67.9	64.9		
Pakur	45.3	51.5	23.8	71.4	74.3		
Palamu	46.1	46.3	24.7	52.7	59.5		
Paschimi Singhbhum	67.5	62.9	37.9	75.4	83.8		
Purbi Singhbhum	62.6	50.2	48.0	74.8	66.5		
Ramgarh	52.3	44.9	29.7	70.2	71.3		
Ranchi	51.7	51.9	28.6	73.8	64.8		
Sahibganj	48.7	49.5	25.0	62.2	70.4		
Saraikela Kharsawan	56.0	47.1	24.2	83.4	81.9		
Simdega	49.6	40.0	37.7	78.9	80.0		