

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 2274**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.09.2020

**MALNUTRITION AMONG CHILDREN**

2274. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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

- (a) whether the prevalence of malnutrition is highest in the country globally;
- (b) Whether the Government is aware that forty four percent children below the age of three years are suffering from malnutrition;
- (c) If so, the details thereof, State-wise including Rajasthan;
- (d) the names and details of such States where the number of children suffering from malnutrition are the highest; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) National Family Health Survey – 3 (2005-06) provides the data on malnourishment status of children below the age of 3 years. As per NFHS-3, the prevalence of stunting and underweight among children under 3 years of age was 44.9% and 40.4% respectively. The State/UT-wise details including Rajasthan are annexed.

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. Whereas, as per the report of Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS) (2016-18), the prevalence of underweight and stunting among children is 33.4% and 34.7% respectively.

(e) This Ministry implements Anganwadi Services, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana and Scheme for Adolescent Girls under the Umbrella Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS) as targeted interventions to address the problem of malnutrition in the country.

Further, POSHAN Abhiyaan has been launched in March 2018 to achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children from 0-6 years, Adolescent Girls, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers in a time bound manner by leveraging technology, convergence and Jan Andolan.

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**Statement referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 2274 due for answer on 23.09.2020, raised by SHRI RAHUL KASWAN**

**Prevalence of Underweight and Stunting among children under 3 years of age as per NFHS-3 (2005-06)**

S. No.	State/UT	Stunting (%)	Underweight (%)
1	Andhra Pradesh	38.4	29.8
2	Arunachal Pradesh	37	29.7
3	Assam	41.1	35.8
4	Bihar	50.1	54.9
5	Chhattisgarh	52.6	47.8
6	Delhi	43.2	24.9
7	Goa	25.9	21.3
8	Gujarat	49.2	41.1
9	Haryana	43.3	38.2
10	Himachal Pradesh	34.3	31.1
11	Jammu & Kashmir	31.1	24
12	Jharkhand	47.2	54.6
13	Karnataka	42.4	33.3
14	Kerala	26.5	21.1
15	Madhya Pradesh	46.5	57.9
16	Maharashtra	44	32.7
17	Manipur	29	19.5
18	Meghalaya	47.7	42.9
19	Mizoram	35.1	14.2
20	Nagaland	34.1	23.7
21	Odisha	43.9	39.5
22	Punjab	34.7	23.63
<b>23</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>36.8</b>
24	Sikkim	31.8	17.3
25	Tamil Nadu	31.1	25.9
26	Tripura	34.1	35.2
27	Uttar Pradesh	52.4	41.6
28	Uttarakhand	39.6	31.7
29	West Bengal	41.8	37.6