

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 360
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021

MALNUTRITION IN ANDHRA PRADESH

360. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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

- (a) whether some districts in Andhra Pradesh have high prevalence of underweight, wasting and stunting among children under five years of age and women;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and
- (c) the details of interventions through various schemes and programmes undertaken by the Government in the above districts in this regard and the outcome thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 360 for 19.03.2021 by Shri Jayadev Galla regarding Malnutrition in Andhra Pradesh

(a) to (c) Government of India implements the Anganwadi Services Scheme, POSHAN Abhiyaan, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana and Scheme for Adolescent Girls under the Umbrella Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS) as targeted interventions for children upto the age of 6 years, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers and Adolescent Girls, throughout the country, including in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Recently, Government has also taken measures to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes with focus on developing practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity to disease and malnutrition. Steps have also been taken to improve nutritional quality and testing, strengthen delivery and leverage technology under the 'Poshan Tracker', a robust ICT enabled platform, to improve governance with regard to real time monitoring of provisioning of supplementary nutrition for prompt supervisions and management of services.

Also, Guidelines on Quality Assurance, Roles and Responsibilities of Duty Holders, procedure for procurement, for transparency, efficiency and accountability in delivery of Supplementary Nutrition have been streamlined. Government has advised States/UTs to ensure that the quality of supplementary nutrition conforms to prescribed standards laid down under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and regulations made thereunder. States/UTs have also been advised to promote use of AYUSH systems for prevention of malnutrition and related diseases. A programme to support development of Poshan Vatikas at Anganwadi centres to meet dietary diversity gap leveraging traditional knowledge in nutritional practices has also been taken up.

Mission Poshan 2.0, an integrated nutrition support programme, has been announced in Budget 2021-22.

As per the report of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) which has been released for some states, districts of Andhra Pradesh with prevalence of underweight, wasting and stunting among children (under 5 years) and underweight prevalence in women (15-49 years) higher than the State average are as under:

- Underweight – 4 districts (Kurnool, Anantapur, Vizianagaram, and Visakhapatnam).
- Wasting – 7 districts (Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam, Anantapur, Vizianagaram, Guntur, Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore, and Kurnool).
- Stunting – 5 districts (Kurnool, Vizianagaram, Anantapur, Y.S.R and West Godavari).
- Women Underweight ($BMI < 18.5 \text{ Kg/m}^2$) – 7 districts (Anantapur, Kurnool, Chittoor, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Y.S.R and Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore).

The district-wise prevalence of underweight, wasting and stunting among children and underweight prevalence among women is given at **Annexure**.

Annexure

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District-wise prevalence of underweight, wasting and stunting among children and underweight among women as per NFHS-5 (2019-20)

State/District	Stunted (%)	Wasted (%)	Underweight (%)	Women Underweight (BMI <18.5 kg/m ²) (%)
Srikakulam	19.7	19.5	21.4	13.8
Vizianagaram	36.4	19.2	32.2	16.9
Visakhapatnam	31.0	21.5	33.5	17.4
East Godavari	23.1	14.3	22.4	10.2
West Godavari	31.4	11.7	22.5	10.1
Krishna	29.8	14.3	21.1	10.5
Guntur	23.8	17.8	26.9	9.6
Prakasam	22.6	8.7	24.7	14.4
Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore	29.2	17.2	27.8	15.2
Y.S.R.	34.4	14.1	26.7	15.9
Kurnool	50.5	16.7	46.3	20.6
Anantapur	36	19.3	40.6	21.9
Chittoor	27.1	14.8	27.9	20.1
ANDHRA PRADESH	31.2	16.1	29.6	14.8