

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2877
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2021

SEVERE CHILDHOOD MALNUTRITION

2877. SHRI ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the severe malnutrition prevailing among children in the country;
- (b) if so the details of different forms of child malnutrition prevalent in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to ensure uninterrupted supply of nutritious food to various beneficiaries under the ICDS programme during the COVID pandemic; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b) The details of State/UT-wise prevalence of different forms of severe malnutrition among children as per NFHS-4 (2015-16) are annexed. States have been advised to launch a drive for identification of SAM children for referral to hospitals (if required) and AYUSH centres in accordance with detailed action plan to be finalized in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer.

(c) & (d) During COVID-19, all Anganwadi Centres across the country were closed to limit the impact of the pandemic. However, to ensure continuous nutritional support to Anganwadi beneficiaries, Anganwadi Workers and Helpers distributed Supplementary Nutrition at the doorsteps of beneficiaries once in 15 days. In addition, Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers have assisted the local administration in community surveillance, creating awareness as well as other work assigned to them from time to time.

ANNEXURE

S. No.	State	Stunted (under 5 yrs)	Underweight (under 5 yrs)	Wasting (under 5 yrs)
		NFHS-4	NFHS-4	NFHS-4
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	6.9	4.4	7.5
2.	Andhra Pradesh	10.7	7.2	4.5
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	11.9	5.7	8.0
4.	Assam	14.3	8.1	6.2
5.	Bihar	23.1	15.2	7.0
6.	Chandigarh	7.0	5.8	3.9
7.	Chhattisgarh	15.7	11.2	8.4
8.	Delhi	10.7	6.2	4.6
9.	Dadra Nagar Haveli	19.7	11.3	11.4
10.	Daman & Diu	8.0	4.8	11.9
11.	Goa	8.8	5.5	9.5
12.	Gujarat	16.5	12.4	9.5
13.	Haryana	14.8	8.1	9.0
14.	Himachal Pradesh	7.8	4.3	3.9
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	11.9	4.9	5.6
16.	Jharkhand	20.2	17.4	11.4
17.	Karnataka	16.6	11.6	10.5
18.	Kerala	6.8	3.6	6.5
19.	Lakshadweep	6.2	5.6	2.9
20.	Madhya Pradesh	18.6	14.3	9.2
21.	Maharashtra	12.9	10.5	9.4
22.	Manipur	8.8	2.4	2.2
23.	Meghalaya	18.9	6.8	6.5
24.	Mizoram	8.8	2.8	2.3
25.	Nagaland	10.3	4.3	4.2
26.	Odisha	12.3	9.4	6.4
27.	Punjab	8.3	5.8	5.6
28.	Puducherry	11.0	7.0	7.8
29.	Rajasthan	17.3	12.2	8.5
30.	Sikkim	12.5	3.7	5.9
31.	Tamil Nadu	10.8	6.5	7.9
32.	Telangana	9.1	7.8	4.8
33.	Tripura	8.1	5.3	6.3
34.	Uttar Pradesh	21.2	12.2	6.0
35.	Uttarakhand	14.0	7.5	9.0
36.	West Bengal	10.3	8.8	6.5
	India	16.3	11.0	7.4