

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4102
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021

MALNUTRITION IN TRIBAL AREAS

4102. SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT:

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

- (a) whether most of the women in tribal dominated areas of the country are suffering from malnutrition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Data on nutrition indicators is covered under the National Family Health Surveys conducted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The National Family Health Survey -5 (NFHS-5) has been released in respect of some states. Further, NFHS reports do not provide separate estimations for tribal dominated areas as regards malnutrition among tribal women. However, the survey report comprises of data for key indicators viz., Body Mass Index (BMI) and anaemia levels which provides a measure for nutritional status of all women for different age groups (15-49 years).
