

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 815
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2021

ASSESSMENT OF INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

815. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has any mechanism in place to assess the progress made under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) data has shown an increase in rate of stunting and wasting in children; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to improve nutrition status in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The Anganwadi Services Scheme has an in-built monitoring system to track progress under the scheme through a standardized Management Information System (MIS).

(c) & (d) National level data of NFHS-5 is awaited.

In order to improve nutritional status in the country, sustained engagements have taken place with State Governments over the last one year. Steps have been taken to improve nutritional quality and testing in accredited labs, strengthen delivery and leverage technology under the Poshan Tracker to improve governance. 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. A programme to support development of Poshan Vatikas at Anganwadi centers to meet dietary diversity gap leveraging traditional wisdom in nutritional practices has also been taken up.
