

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1885**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2021

**NUTRITIONAL REHABILITATION**

1885. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched Poshan Abhiyan aiming at reducing stunting, under-nutrition, low birth weight and anaemia among young children, women, adolescent girls across the country;
- (b) if so, progress made therein so far and results thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government during the lockdown period for the pregnant and lactating mothers and children who were in need of additional nutritious diets, special care, support and nutrition rehabilitation?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) POSHAN Abhiyaan was launched on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, with an objective to reduce malnutrition from the country in a phased manner and achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children from 0-6 years, Adolescent Girls, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers in a time bound manner.

Focusing on the aims of POSHAN Abhiyaan, Mission Poshan 2.0 (Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0) announced in budget 2021-2022 across States/UTs, is an integrated nutrition support programme, to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes with focus on developing practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity to disease and malnutrition.

(b) The data on nutrition indicators that is stunting, wasting and underweight among children under 5 years as captured by National Family Health Survey (NFHS-4 and NFHS-5), and Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS) is annexed as **Annexure I**. The recently released report of NFHS-5 is available only for 22 States/UTs.

(c) During the pandemic, as per the MHA guidelines, all Anganwadi Centres across the country were closed to limit the impact of COVID-19. 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 and have distributed medicines as per requirement.

## Annexure I

Statement referred to in reply to Part (b) of Lok Sabha Un-starred Question No.1885 for 30.07.2021 by SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI regarding Nutritional Rehabilitation.

S. No.	Name of State/UT	Stunting			Underweight			Wasting		
		NHFS 4 (2015-16)	NHFS 5 (2019-20)	CNNS (2016-18)	NHFS 4 (2015-16)	NHFS 5 (2019-20)	CNNS (2016-18)	NHFS 4 (2015-16)	NHFS 5 (2019-20)	CNNS (2016-18)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	23.3	22.5	-	21.6	16	-	18.9	23.7	-
2	Andhra Pradesh	31.4	31.2	31.5	31.9	16.1	33.5	17.2	29.6	17.1
3	Arunachal Pradesh	29.4	-	28	19.4	-	16	17.3	-	7
4	Assam	36.4	35.3	32.4	29.8	21.7	29.4	17	32.8	19.4
5	Bihar	48.3	42.9	42	43.9	22.9	38.7	20.8	41	14.5
6	Chandigarh	28.7	-	-	24.5	-	0	10.9	-	-
7	Chhattisgarh	37.6	-	35.4	37.7	-	40	23.1	-	19.3
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	41.7	39.4	-	38.9	21.6	-	27.6	38.7	-
	Daman & Diu	23.4	-	-	26.7	-	-	24.1	-	-
9	Delhi	31.9	-	28.8	27	-	28.1	15.9	-	14.8
10	Goa	20.1	25.8	19.6	23.8	19.1	20.3	21.9	24	15.8
11	Gujarat	38.5	39	39.1	39.3	25.1	34.2	26.4	39.7	17
12	Haryana	34	-	34.9	29.4	-	28.8	21.2	-	11.7
13	Himachal Pradesh	26.3	30.8	28.4	21.2	17.4	22.6	13.7	25.5	11.0
14	Jammu & Kashmir	27.4	26.9	15.5	16.6	19	13.0	12.1	21	15.0
15	Jharkhand	45.3	-	36.2	47.8	-	42.9	29	-	29.1
16	Karnataka	36.2	35.4	32.5	35.2	19.5	32	26.1	32.9	19
17	Kerala	19.7	23.4	20.5	16.1	15.8	18.7	15.7	19.7	12.6
18	Lakshadweep	26.8	30.5	-	23.6	17.5	-	13.7	20.4	-
19	Ladakh	-	32	-	-	17.4	-	-	25.8	-
20	Madhya Pradesh	42	-	39.5	42.8	-	38.7	25.8	-	19.6
21	Maharashtra	34.4	35.2	34.1	36	25.6	30.9	25.6	36.1	16.9
22	Manipur	28.9	46.5	28.9	13.8	12.1	13	6.8	26.6	6
23	Meghalaya	43.8	23.4	40.4	28.9	9.9	30	15.3	13.3	15
24	Mizoram	28	28.9	27.4	12	9.8	11.3	6.1	12.7	5.8
25	Nagaland	28.6	32.7	26.2	16.8	19.1	16.3	11.3	26.9	12.9
26	Orissa	34.1	-	29.1	34.4	-	29.2	20.4	-	13.9
27	Puducherry	24	-	-	22.7	-	-	23.8	-	-
28	Punjab	25.7	-	24.3	21.6	-	19.7	15.6	-	6.7
29	Rajasthan	39.1	-	36.8	36.7	-	31.5	23	-	14.3
30	Sikkim	29.6	22.3	21.8	14.2	13.7	11.0	14.2	13.1	7.0
31	Tamil Nadu	27.1	-	19.7	23.8	-	23.5	19.7	-	21
32	Telangana	28	33.1	29.3	28.4	21.7	30.8	18.1	31.8	17.9
33	Tripura	24.3	32.3	31.9	24.1	18.2	23.8	16.8	25.6	12.8
34	Uttar Pradesh	46.3	-	38.8	39.5	-	36.8	17.9	-	18.5
35	Uttarakhand	33.5	-	29.9	26.6	-	18.7	19.5	-	5.9
36	West Bengal	32.5	33.8	25.3	31.6	20.3	30.9	20.3	32.2	20.1
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