

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3021
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2021

POSHAN YODDHA

3021. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:
SHRI BALAK NATH:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:
SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

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

- (a) whether the problems like malnutrition are increasing across the country including Bihar and Rajasthan due to the poor purchasing power and lack of nutritious food on account of prevailing poverty conditions, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan and Bihar;
- (b) the percentage of women and children suffering from malnourishment across the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to overcome the under nutrition and malnutrition during the last two decades along with the details of the schemes and programmes being launched by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to make nutrition programme a public movement by 2022 by declaring Anganwadi workers, ASHA workers, ANM, Primary Healthcare workers as Poshan Yoddha, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Malnutrition in the country is assessed periodically by specialised National Family Health Survey, (NFHS) being conducted by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. NFHS – 4 and 5 were conducted during 2015-16 and 2019-20 respectively. However, the recently released report of NFHS-5 (2019-20) is available for 22 States/UTs. Further, the Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS) was also conducted by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare during the year 2016-18. State/UT wise details of stunted, wasted and underweight children under 5 years as per NFHS-4, NFHS-5 and CNNS are at **Annexure I** which includes states of Bihar and Rajasthan.

Prevalence of undernutrition among women is 22.9% which is an improvement from the levels of 35.5% reported in NFHS-3 conducted in 2005-06. State/UT wise details of underweight among women aged 15-49 years, as per NFHS-4 and NFHS-5 are at **Annexure II** which includes states of Bihar and Rajasthan.

(c) Government of India implements the Anganwadi Services Scheme, Scheme for Adolescent Girls, POSHAN Abhiyaan and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana under the Umbrella Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS) as targeted interventions to improve nutritional status of Children, Adolescent Girls and Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers throughout the country.

In order to check increasing malnutrition among children and women, Government of India has focussed on building convergence of all Nutrition related Schemes on the target population under POSHAN Abhiyaan.

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.

(d) POSHAN Abhiyaan seeks to convert the agenda of improving nutrition into a Jan Andolan or People's Movement involving Panchayati Raj Institutions/village organizations, etc. Jan Andolan aims to address the issue of malnutrition through behaviour change by adopting a convergent approach through 18 partnering Ministries/Departments. The Abhiyan focuses on capacity building through training and has provision of incentives and awards for AWWs/AWHs.

Annexure I

State/UT wise details of malnourished children as per National Family Health Survey (NFHS) and Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS)

S. No.	Name of State/UT	Stunting			Underweight			Wasting		
		NHFS 4 (2015-16)	NHFS 5* (2015-16)	CNNS (2016-18)	NHFS 4 (2015-16)	NHFS 5* (2019-20)	CNNS (2016-18)	NHFS 4 (2015-16)	NHFS 5* (2015-16)	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	-	-	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
INDIA		38.4	-	34.7	35.7	-	33.4	21.0	-	17.0

* NFHS-5 (2019-20) data is available only for 22 States/UTs.

Annexure II**State/UT wise details of Underweight among women aged 15-49 years as per NFHS-4 and NFHS-5**

S.No.	State/UT	Underweight among Women (15-49 years)	
		NFHS-4	NFHS-5
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	13.1	9.4
2	Andhra Pradesh	17.6	14.8
3	Assam	25.7	17.6
4	Bihar	30.4	25.6
5	Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	23.4	25.1
6	Goa	14.7	13.8
7	Gujarat	27.2	25.2
8	Himachal Pradesh	16.2	13.9
9	Jammu & Kashmir	12.2	5.2
10	Karnataka	20.7	17.2
11	Kerala	9.7	10.1
12	Lakshadweep	13.5	8
13	Ladakh	10.5	4.4
14	Maharashtra	23.5	20.8
15	Meghalaya	12.1	10.8
16	Manipur	8.8	7.2
17	Mizoram	8.4	5.3
18	Nagaland	12.3	11.1
19	Sikkim	6.4	5.8
20	Telangana	22.9	18.8
21	Tripura	18.9	16.2
22	West Bengal	21.3	14.8
23	Arunachal Pradesh	8.5	-
24	Chandigarh	13.3	-
25	Chhattisgarh	26.7	-
26	Delhi	14.9	-
27	Haryana	15.8	-
28	Jharkhand	31.5	-
29	Madhya Pradesh	28.4	-
30	Orissa	26.5	-
31	Puducherry	11.2	-
32	Punjab	11.7	-
33	Rajasthan	27	-
34	Tamil Nadu	14.6	-
35	Uttar Pradesh	25.3	-
36	Uttarakhand	18.4	-
