

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1109
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2021

MALNUTRITION

1109 MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:
SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR:
SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:
SHRI B.B. PATIL:
SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:
SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK NIMBALKAR:
SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:
SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK (DEV):
SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:
ADV. A. M. ARIFF:
SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:

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

- (a) whether the number of underweight, malnourished/severely malnourished children increased during the recent years and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) the estimated number of underweight, malnourished and severely malnourished children recorded during each of the last five years and till date;
- (c) whether the Government is complementing POSHAN Abhiyan and POSHAN 2.0 to check malnourishment in the country and if so, the details and salient features thereof along with the success achieved therein;
- (d) the funds allocated and utilized under the said schemes since inception, State/UT-wise and year-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has subsumed supplementary nutritional programme with this abhiyan and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the country is on track to meet the target of making India a malnutrition-free country by 2022 and if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken by the Government in this direction?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The estimated number of underweight, malnourished and severely malnourished children under 5 years of age is obtained under National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. As per the recent report of NFHS-5 (2019-21), the nutrition indicators for children under 5 years have improved as compared with NFHS-4 (2015-16). Stunting has reduced from 38.4% to 35.5%, while Wasting has reduced from 21.0% to 19.3% and Underweight prevalence has reduced from 35.8% to 32.1%.

(c) to (f) Mission Poshan 2.0, an integrated nutrition support programme has been announced in budget 2021-2022 for all States/UTs. It seeks 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 been taken to improve nutritional quality and testing in accredited labs, strengthen delivery and leverage technology under Poshan Tracker to improve governance. States/UTs have 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.

The details of funds allocated to State/UTs and expenditure under the POSHAN Abhiyaan since its inception is at Annexure-I.

State/UT-wise details of funds released and utilised from F.Y. 2018-19 to 2020-21 under POSHAN Abhiyaan

Amount in ₹ lakhs

SN	State/UT	Total Central Funds released from 2018-19 to 2020-21	Total Central Funds utilization as on 31st March 2021
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	936.25	421.44
2	Andhra Pradesh	25363.32	16601.84
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2815.88	708.11
4	Assam	32948.67	18117.52
5	Bihar	49365.6	27823.99
6	Chandigarh	1099.87	513.96
7	Chhattisgarh	12137.21	6505.25
8	Dadra Nagar Haveli and	774.31	682.98
	Daman & Diu	686.7	
9	Delhi	3327.18	2432.58
10	Goa	456.04	222.24
11	Gujarat	29976.16	21769.01
12	Haryana	6808.82	4326
13	Himachal Pradesh	10973.21	7010.78
14	Jammu & Kashmir	9178.53	7912.09
15	Jharkhand	8154.95	5245.93
16	Karnataka	14276.52	11133.42
17	Kerala	10974.73	6696.51
18	Ladakh	164.59	51.41
19	Lakshadweep	427.36	287.27
20	Madhya Pradesh	39398.53	18516.83
21	Maharashtra	58390.84	40154.5
22	Manipur	4389.99	2138.4
23	Meghalaya	5073.39	4979.05
24	Mizoram	2732.96	2575.03
25	Nagaland	5327.67	5239.26
26	Odisha	16358.58	7555.69
27	Puducherry	943.62	264.58
28	Punjab	7346.86	2470.04
29	Rajasthan	23830.57	10349.79
30	Sikkim	1370.99	1276.83
31	Tamil Nadu	25931.46	19476.85
32	Telangana	17906.84	14824.33
33	Tripura	4135.95	3155.13
34	Uttar Pradesh	56968.96	19219.28
35	Uttarakhand	13574.89	7898
36	West Bengal	26751.08	0
Total		531279.08	298555.92