

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4940
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2022

WHEAT BASED NUTRITION PROGRAMME

4940. SHRI D.K.SURESH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has introduced Wheat Based Nutrition Programme to curb malnutrition and anaemia among children and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has received any suggestion with regard to implementation of WBNP;
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the response of the Government on these suggestions and steps taken thereon?

ANSWER

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

(a) : Under the Wheat Based Nutrition Programme (WBNP), foodgrains, viz., wheat, rice and other coarse grains are allocated at subsidized rates under NFSA to the States/UTs through the Department of Food & Public Distribution (Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution), for preparation of supplementary food under Anganwadi Services. Demand under the scheme projected by States based on the number of beneficiaries, number of feeding days and the recipe for nutrition is taken up by this Ministry for processing and approval of proposals from States/UTs for allocation of food grains in coordination with the D/o F&PD. Further, As envisaged in Hon'ble Prime Minister's Address on 75th Independence Day, Fortified Rice in lieu of standard rice has been allocated to all States/UTs from the 2nd quarter of FY 2021-22 under WBNP to help in fighting malnutrition and anaemia in women and children arising due to deficiency of micronutrients like Iron, Folic Acid and Vitamin B-12.

(b) The Government has not received any suggestion with regard to implementation of WBNP.

(c) & (d) Does not arise
