

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION 587
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th FEBRUARY 2022**

“STATUS OF HEALTH OF CHILDREN IN NER”

587. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of children under the age of five years in North-Eastern States of the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of children with full immunization under the age of five years in NER, State-wise;
- (c) the number of malnourished children under the age of five years in NER, State-wise;
- (d) the number of stunted children under the age of five years in NER, State-wise; and
- (e) funds allocated for child health care to North-Eastern States under Central Government Schemes during the last five years, State-wise?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE**

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(a) Based on the “Report of the technical group on projected population, India and States 2011-2036, National Commission on Population and Office of Registrar General of India”, the estimated numbers of children under the age of five years as on 1st March 2021 in North-Eastern States of the country are as follows:

S. No.	Name of the State	No. of Under 5 Children
1	Arunachal Pradesh	1,10,376
2	Assam	30,13,698
3	Manipur	2,27,880
4	Meghalaya	2,36,736
5	Mizoram	87,552
6	Nagaland	1,57,824
7	Sikkim	48,744
8	Tripura	2,93,112

(b) A child is considered fully immunized if the child has received 1 dose of Bacillus Calmette Guerin (BCG), 3 doses of Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus toxoid (DPT), 3 doses of Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) and 1 dose of Measles within 1 year of age. Number of children fully immunized in North East Region as per HMIS portal is as follows:

S. No.	Name of the State	No. of Children with Full Immunization
1	Arunachal Pradesh	14,784
2	Assam	4,43,962
3	Manipur	21,431
4	Meghalaya	46,535
5	Mizoram	12,067
6	Nagaland	11,945
7	Sikkim	5,444
8	Tripura	34,526
Data Source - HMIS (from April 2021 to December 2021 as on 20 January 2022)		

(c) and (d):

According to NFHS-5 (2019-21), the percentages of malnourished children under five years of age (classified as stunted, wasted and underweight) in the North-Eastern Region is placed as below:

S. No.	States	Children under 5 years who are stunted (height-for-age)* (%)	Children under 5 years who are wasted (weight-for-height)* (%)	Children under 5 years who are underweight (weight-for-age)* (%)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	28.0	13.1	15.4
2	Assam	35.3	21.7	32.8
3	Manipur	23.4	9.9	13.3
4	Meghalaya	46.5	12.1	26.6
5	Mizoram	28.9	9.8	12.7
6	Nagaland	32.7	19.1	26.9
7	Sikkim	22.3	13.7	13.1
8	Tripura	32.3	18.2	25.6
<i>* Below -2 standard deviations, based on WHO standard</i>				

(e) State wise details of Central release (in Crore) under Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Flexible Pool including Child Health [including Routine Immunization, Pulse Polio Immunization and National Iodine Deficiency Disorder Control Program (NIDDCP)] under National Health Mission (NHM) for the North Eastern States from 2016-17 to 2020-21 is placed below:

(Rupees in Crore)						
S. No.	States	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	Arunachal Pradesh	58.43	38.38	57.96	37.85	23.50
2	Assam	366.77	395.13	365.44	392.07	435.18
3	Manipur	28.52	46.49	29.63	37.38	29.55
4	Meghalaya	40.78	45.92	39.86	33.66	61.17
5	Mizoram	15.99	26.06	21.38	20.36	28.28
6	Nagaland	28.33	28.04	26.41	23.58	38.20
7	Sikkim	7.81	9.4	6.10	7.35	13.16
8	Tripura	41.44	24.82	43.53	44.56	43.37