

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2205
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022

STUDY ON MALNUTRITION

2205. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

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

- (a) Whether the Government has conducted any study about the main reasons of malnutrition among children in different States of the country including Rajasthan;
- (b) If so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) The funds provided to the Government of – Rajasthan by the Union Government to Check malnutrition during the last five years;
- (d) the details of the expenditure incurred from the said funds on different heads; and
- (e) The details of deaths caused due to malnutrition during the last five years State- wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Malnutrition is a complex, multi-dimensional issue, affected mainly by a number of generic factors including poverty, inadequate food consumption due to access and availability issues, improper maternal infant and child feeding and care practices, inequity and gender imbalances, poor sanitary and environmental conditions etc. Under the aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, a nation-wide survey, Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS) was conducted to collect comprehensive set of data on nutritional status of Indian children upto 19 years of age during 2016-18.

Further, the status of malnutrition (stunting, wasting, and underweight) in the country amongst children under 5 years is provided by the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted periodically by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare .As per NFHS-5 (2019-21), there has been improvement in the key nutrition indicators as compared to NFHS-4 (2015-16). Among children under 5 years of age, Stunting has reduced from 38.4% to 35.5%, while Wasting has reduced from 21.0% in to 19.3% in and Underweight has reduced from 35.8% in to 32.1% . As per the NFHS -5 report for Rajasthan, wasting has reduced from 23.0% to 16.8%, Stunting has reduced from 39.1% to 31.8% and underweight prevalence has reduced from 36.7% to 27.6%

(c) & (d) The financial assistance provided under two targeted interventions of the Ministry to address the issue of malnutrition among children namely Supplementary Nutrition Program and Poshan Abhiyaan and the expenditure incurred by the State of Rajasthan, for the same, is at **Annexure I and II**, respectively.

(e) Malnutrition is not a direct cause of death; however, it can increase morbidity and mortality by reducing resistance to infections. Thus dis-aggregated data regarding the number of deaths directly due to malnutrition is not available.

Annexure I

Funds released during last five years (2017-22) to State of Rajasthan in respect of Supplementary Nutrition Program:

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	F.Y	Status of funds released to State Government of Rajasthan under Supplementary Nutrition Program		
		SNP		
		APIP Approved	Funds released	Funds Utilized
1	2017-18	28939.88	34931.86	36660.76
2	2018-19	33221.84	34950.74	29599.82
3	2019-20	36544.02	29913.62	28231.68
4	2020-21	40198.42	34894.46	36702.71
5	2021-22	34894.46	31399.25	Utilization note due

Note: (1) Funds are released out of approved allocation after adjusting unspent balances / excess expenditure incurred by the States/UTs in the previous year.

(3) Fund utilized are more than the funds released/approved allocation due to availability of unspent balance of previous year.

APIP- Annual Programme Implementation Plan

Annexure II

Funds released and utilized for the last five years (2017-22) w.r.t. the State of Rajasthan under Poshan Abhiyan

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Sl.	Central Funds released in 2017-18	Central Funds released in 2018-19	Central Funds released in 2019-20	Central Funds released in 2020-21	Central Funds released in 2021-22	Total Central Funds released till 31.03.2022	Total Central Funds utilised as on 31.03.2022
1	4282.22	9680.99	8941	0	0	22904.21	12258.06