

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2232
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th JULY 2022**

ANEMIA MukT BHARAT INDEX

**2232. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH
SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government along with UNICEF has launched the Anaemia MukT Bharat Index;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objective behind the move indicating the States that have topped the Anaemia MukT Bharat index;
- (c) whether anaemia in women is a significant public health issue in India;
- (d) if so, the number of women especially adolescent girls suffering from anaemia across the country including urban and rural area-wise; and
- (e) whether the funds allocated to control anaemia among women is very less and if so, the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) & (b): In 2018, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has launched Anemia MukT Bharat (AMB) strategy under POSHAN Abhiyaan with the target to reduce anaemia in children, adolescents, women including pregnant and lactating women in life cycle approach providing preventive and curative mechanisms through a 6X6X6 strategy.

Under AMB strategy, the AMB Score Card and Index is developed with an objective to provide information on coverage of Iron Folic Acid (IFA) supplementation across selected target beneficiaries for monitoring progress and performance of the States/UTs. The States topped the Anaemia MukT Bharat Index (2021-22) are Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Haryana.

(c) & (d): As per National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-21), the prevalence of anaemia is 57.0 percent among women aged 15-49 years in the country.

The prevalence of anaemia among women (15-49 years) across the country in rural areas is 58.5 percent and in urban areas is 53.8 percent as per NFHS-5 and the prevalence of anaemia

in adolescent girls (15-19 years) across the country in rural areas is 60.2 percent and in urban areas is 56.5 percent.

(e): Under National Health Mission, financial and technical support is provided to all the States and UTs for effective implementation of interventions under Anemia Mukht Bharat strategy based on proposals submitted in their respective Programme Implementation Plan (PIP).
