

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3257
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2022

BUDGET TO TACKLE MALNUTRITION

3257. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

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

- (a) whether it is true that in malnutrition survey as many as 68.4 percent children and 66.4 percent women suffered from anaemia with high problem of malnutrition in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons for negligible increase in budget of Saksham Anganwadi, POSHAN 2.0 and ICDS schemes for Financial Year 2022-23 despite the fact that National Family Health Survey-5 for 2019-20 found significant increase in malnutrition as well as anaemia among children compared to 2015-16; and
- (c) the response of the Government along with action taken on the expert estimates that allocations to Saksham Anganwadi and POSHAN 2.0 are inadequate as they fail to take inflation into account thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) The data on prevalence of malnutrition among children and women in the country is obtained under National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. As per the NFHS-5 report, anaemia in children under 5 years of age is 67.1% and anaemia among women (15-49 years) is 57%.

Further, as per the report of NFHS-5 (2019-21), the prevalence of malnutrition among children under 5 years and women aged 15-49 years has reduced as compared with NFHS-4 (2015-16). Stunting (in children under 5 years of age) has reduced from 38.4% as per NFHS-4 to 35.5% in NFHS-5, while wasting (in children under 5 years of age) has reduced from 21.0% to 19.3% and underweight prevalence (in children under 5 years of age) has reduced from 35.8% to 32.1%. Further, the prevalence of under nutrition among women aged 15-49 years has reduced from 22.9% in NFHS-4 to 18.7% in NFHS-5.

(b) & (c) As per NFHS-5 reports, there have been improvements in the malnutrition indicators among children and women. The Budget Estimate for FY 2022-23 is Rs 20263.07 crore for Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 based on estimates arising from the implementation of the Programs under the Mission (Supplementary Nutrition and Anganwadi Services, Poshan Abhiyan and Scheme for Adolescent Girls) in the States/ UTs. In case of additional requirement by States / UTs, Revised Budget allocation will be sought from Ministry of Finance at the time of Supplementary Grants.
