

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2066
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2024

STUNTING AND WASTING AMONG CHILDREN

2066. SHRI S VENKATESAN

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the government has any data on under-nourishment among Women, stunting and wasting among children; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the percentage of women and children affected by the said deficiencies, State/ UT wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) and (b) Data regarding under-nourishment among women of reproductive age group is maintained by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). The report of NFHS-5 is available on National Family Health Survey portal (<http://nfhs.in/nfhsnew/nfhsuser/publication.php>).

Various rounds of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted since 1992-93 have shown improvement in malnutrition indicators in children. Details of these indicators for children under 5 years since NFHS-1 to NFHS-5 are given below:

NFHS Survey	Underweight %	Wasting %	Stunting %
NFHS-1 (1992-93)*	53.4	17.5	52
NFHS-2 (1998-99)**	47	15.5	45.5
NFHS-3 (2005-6)***	42.5	19.8	48.0
NFHS-4 (2015-16) ***	35.8	21.0	38.4
NFHS-5 (2019-21) ***	32.1	19.3	35.5

* Under 4 years

** Under 3 years

*** Under 5 years

The above table gives a representative picture of malnutrition indicators among children of 0-3 years, 0-4 years and 0-5 years age at that time. The table shows that level of malnutrition among children has been coming down steadily during the last 30 years.

The projected population of children up to 5 years for the year 2021 is 13.75 crore (source: Population Projections for India and States 2011-2036, National Commission on Population, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare). However, 7.65 crore children up to 5 years are enrolled in Anganwadis and registered on Poshan Tracker of the Ministry of Women & Child Development. As per June 2024 data of Poshan Tracker, 7.37 Crore of these children were measured on growth parameters. 36.5% of these children have been found to be stunted, 16.4% children have been found to be underweight and 6% children have been found to be wasted.

Further, the projected population of children up to 6 years for the year 2021 is 16.1 crore. As per June 2024 data of Poshan Tracker, 8.91 crore children (0-6 years) are enrolled in Anganwadis out of whom 8.57 crore children were measured on growth parameters. 35.6% of these children (0-6 years) have been found to be stunted and 17.2% children (0-6 years) have been found to be underweight.

The State wise data of nutrition status of children is placed at **Annexure-I**.

Annexure I**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2066 FOR 02.08.2024 REGARDING “STUNTING AND WASTING AMONG CHILDREN” ASKED BY SHRI S VENKATESAN**

State wise details of malnourished children in the country for June 2024 from Poshan Tracker is as follows:

S. No	State	Stunted (%) (0-6 years)	Underweight (%) (0-6 years)	Wasted (%) (0-5 years)
1	Andhra Pradesh	20.96	10.59	5.61
2	Arunachal Pradesh	28	8.5	4.03
3	Assam	39.96	17.17	4.59
4	Bihar	39.99	22.87	9.81
5	Chhattisgarh	17.83	13.34	8.92
6	Goa	5.91	2.39	0.85
7	Gujarat	38.95	23.02	9.16
8	Haryana	23.13	8.31	4.22
9	Himachal Pradesh	17.21	6.5	1.73
10	Jharkhand	38.63	18.35	6.79
11	Karnataka	35.86	17.88	3.9
12	Kerala	30.28	9.42	2.59
13	Madhya Pradesh	40.49	27.59	8.46
14	Maharashtra	42.54	17.8	4.84
15	Manipur	11.65	5.15	0.77
16	Meghalaya	21.93	6.37	0.79
17	Mizoram	22.82	6.19	2.51
18	Nagaland	23.72	6.38	6.45
19	Odisha	22.34	12.35	3.34
20	Punjab	16.67	5.65	3.17
21	Rajasthan	32.82	17.07	6.24
22	Sikkim	12.04	2.36	1.96
23	Tamil Nadu	15	7.24	3.84
24	Telangana	31.49	17.54	6.68
25	Tripura	35.91	16.42	6.65
26	Uttar Pradesh	45.13	19.46	5.07
27	Uttarakhand	22.37	6.07	2.11
28	West Bengal	33.97	12.58	7.87
29	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	13.94	6.65	3.51
30	Dadra & Nagar Haveli – Daman & Diu	38.33	27.52	8.61
31	Delhi	39.39	19.44	3.22
32	J&K	12.41	3.2	1.35
33	Ladakh	12.62	2.73	0.66
34	Lakshadweep	46.29	23.3	13.22
35	Puducherry	32.27	10.88	7.24
36	UT-Chandigarh	19.42	12.11	2.88
	India	35.6%	17.2%	6%