

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 873
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2024

MALNUTRITION AMONG CHILDREN IN ANDHRA PRADESH

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

- (a) The details of malnourished children in the country during the last five years, State-wise, specially in the State of Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;
- (b) The details of the schemes that have been implemented by the Government to treat malnourishment in the State of Andhra Pradesh, and
- (c) The details of the fund provided to these schemes, year-wise along with funds that has been utilized?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) The National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare captures the nutritional indicators of children. As per the latest NFHS-5 (2019-21) report, the National nutrition indicators for children under 5 years are as follows: Stunting is 35.5%, Wasting is 19.3% and Underweight is 32.1%. The nutritional indicators of children under 5 years of State of Andhra Pradesh as per NFHS-5 report are: Stunting is 31.2 %, Wasting is 16.1% and Underweight is 29.6%.

As per the data of Poshan Tracker for the month of June 2024, around 8.57 crore children under 6 years were measured, out of whom 35% were found to be stunted, only 17% were found to be underweight and only 6% children under 5 years were found to be wasted. The levels of underweight and wasting in children as obtained from Poshan Tracker are much less than those projected by NFHS 5.

As per June 2024 data of Poshan Tracker for the State of Andhra Pradesh, 20% children are stunted, 5% children are wasted and 10% children are underweight. The State-wise data of nutrition status of children including the State of Andhra Pradesh of June 2022, June 2023 and June 2024 data of Poshan Tracker is provided in Annexure I. District-wise nutrition status of children of State of Andhra Pradesh as per June 2024 data of Poshan tracker is placed at **Annexure II**.

(b) Under 15th Finance Commission, Anganwadi services, Poshan Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent girls (14-18 years in Aspirational Districts and North-East

region) were subsumed under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0). Mission Poshan 2.0 seeks to address the challenge of malnutrition through improved nutrition content and delivery. This is a universal self-selecting (no entry barriers) scheme available to all the beneficiaries who enrol at the AWCs and is being implemented in all States/UTs across the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Under Mission Poshan 2.0 a strategic shift has been made for reduction in malnutrition and for improved health, wellness and immunity through community engagement, outreach, behavioral change, and advocacy. Mission Poshan 2.0 focuses on Maternal Nutrition, Infant and Young Child Feeding Norms, treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)/ Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) and wellness through AYUSH practices to reduce wasting and underweight prevalence beside stunting and anaemia. Supplementary Nutrition is provided in accordance with the nutrition norms contained in Schedule-II of the National Food Security Act. To address the challenge of malnutrition more effectively, these nutrition norms have been revised. The old norms were largely calorie-specific; however, the revised norms are more comprehensive and balanced in terms of both quantity and quality of supplementary nutrition based on the principles of diet diversity that provides quality protein, healthy fats and micronutrients. Only fortified rice is being supplied to AWCs to meet the requirement of micro-nutrients and control anaemia among women and children. Greater emphasis is being given on the use of millets for preparation of Hot Cooked Meal at least once a week and Take Home ration (THR – not raw ration) at Anganwadi centers for beneficiaries.

Ministry of Women & Child Development and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare jointly released the protocol for Community Management of Malnutrition (CMAM) to prevent and treat severe acute malnutrition in children and for reducing associated morbidity and mortality.

Under Mission Poshan 2.0, one of the major activities undertaken is Community Mobilization and Awareness Advocacy leading to Jan Andolan to educate the people on nutritional aspects. State and UTs are conducting and reporting regular sensitisation activities under community engagement programmes during Poshan Maahs and Poshan Pakhwadas celebrated in the months of September and March-April respectively. Community Based Events (CBEs) have served as a significant strategy in changing nutrition practices and all Anganwadi workers are required to conduct two Community Based Events every month.

(c) The year wise details of the funds provided under Mission Poshan 2.0 scheme are provided at **Annexure – III**.

Annexure I

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 873 FOR 26.07.2024 REGARDING "MALNUTRITION AMONG CHILDREN IN ANDHRA PRADESH" ASKED BY SHRI KESINENI SIVANATH.

- a. State wise details of malnourished children (0-5 years) in the country for June 2024 from Poshan Tracker is as follows:

State	Stunted (%)	Wasted (%)	Underweight (%)
Andhra Pradesh	20.68	5.61	9.75
Arunachal Pradesh	29.45	4.03	8.31
Assam	41.98	4.59	16.68
Bihar	40.35	9.81	21.95
Chhattisgarh	18.22	8.92	12.31
Goa	5.84	0.85	2.18
Gujarat	39.73	9.16	21.39
Haryana	24.43	4.22	7.68
Himachal Pradesh	17.97	1.73	5.97
Jharkhand	39.33	6.79	17.56
Karnataka	35.5	3.9	16.23
Kerala	31.98	2.59	9.11
Madhya Pradesh	41.61	8.46	26.21
Maharashtra	44.59	4.84	16.65
Manipur	12.68	0.77	5.31
Meghalaya	22.02	0.79	5.45
Mizoram	23.72	2.51	5.59
Nagaland	24.98	6.45	6.38
Odisha	22.83	3.34	11.57
Punjab	17.65	3.17	5.57
Rajasthan	32.79	6.24	16.16
Sikkim	12.5	1.96	2.36
Tamil Nadu	15.62	3.84	7.19
Telangana	31.27	6.68	16.54
Tripura	37.88	6.65	15.36
Uttar Pradesh	46.36	5.07	18.95
Uttarakhand	22.27	2.11	5.59
West Bengal	36.14	7.87	12.29
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	14.03	3.51	6.55
Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Daman & Diu	39.46	8.61	26.41
Delhi	39.43	3.22	19
J&K	13.22	1.35	3.31
Ladakh	13.07	0.66	2.62
Lakshadweep	46.31	13.22	23.25
Puducherry	32.26	7.24	10.87
UT-Chandigarh	20.7	2.88	11.76
India	36.52	6.03	16.43

b. State wise details of malnourished children (0-5 years) in the country for June 2023 from Poshan Tracker is as follows:

State	Stunted (%)	Wasted (%)	Underweight (%)
Andhra Pradesh	19.22	5.01	8.87
Arunachal Pradesh	34.72	5.59	13.08
Assam	37.93	5.6	16.49
Bihar	43.54	9.79	24.13
Chhattisgarh	37.16	13.99	19.15
Goa	27.77	4.24	9.56
Gujarat	43.78	8.22	20.4
Haryana	24.84	5.5	9.29
Himachal Pradesh	22.72	2.44	7.35
Jharkhand	37.64	8.99	19.83
Karnataka	41.9	8.07	19.65
Kerala	37.39	7.18	12.69
Madhya Pradesh	53.44	10.59	30.27
Maharashtra	48.45	6.35	19.03
Manipur	9.63	0.64	2.57
Meghalaya	27.18	1.89	7.49
Mizoram	24.22	3.95	6.33
Nagaland	36.56	5.82	14.93
Odisha	32.63	3.79	14.02
Punjab	22.88	6.56	10.61
Rajasthan	32.63	6.97	16.07
Sikkim	13.35	2.15	3.06
Tamil Nadu	19.59	4.88	9.06
Telangana	28.91	4.69	13.19
Tripura	37.88	7.39	16.06
Uttar Pradesh	46.27	5.81	19.46
Uttarakhand	30.84	5.89	8.05
West Bengal	39.15	8.7	13.62
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	19.16	5.52	8.91
Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Daman & Diu	52.95	12.24	37.08
Delhi	25.45	2.68	12.55
J&K	18.52	2.13	5.71
Ladakh	17.84	2.35	4.41
Lakshadweep	48.67	15.38	31.95
Puducherry	27.47	7.43	10.3
UT-Chandigarh	33.37	1.3	12.3
India	40.03	7.14	18.12

c. State wise details of malnourished children (0-5 years) in the country for June 2022 from Poshan Tracker is as follows:

State	Stunted (%)	Wasted (%)	Underweight (%)
Andhra Pradesh	18.74	5.64	10.63
Arunachal Pradesh	34.32	7.36	13.35
Assam	38.99	9.06	19.93
Bihar	44.53	10.84	27.22
Chhattisgarh	42.32	13.23	21.89
Goa	33.74	6.72	13.93
Gujarat	51.92	8.5	23.54
Haryana	27.12	9.48	15.72
Himachal Pradesh	23.45	5.07	10.63
Jharkhand	44.57	12.79	27.68
Karnataka	38.12	8.98	20.04
Kerala	35.54	9.66	16.55
Madhya Pradesh	45.67	13.51	33.61
Maharashtra	45.9	7.96	21.4
Manipur	20.44	2.75	8.81
Meghalaya	30.6	5.59	11.36
Mizoram	23.42	5.41	8.89
Nagaland	31.36	4.14	10.65
Odisha	27.45	7.29	14.99
Punjab	22.08	9.54	12.58
Rajasthan	38.72	14.19	22.79
Sikkim	11.1	2.58	3.39
Tamil Nadu	21.67	7.14	12.42
Telangana	32.7	7.76	16.51
Tripura	37.74	10.04	17.96
Uttar Pradesh	44.13	11.32	22.76
Uttarakhand	31.29	6.96	8.53
West Bengal	41.52	10.43	18.33
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	23.74	6.55	9.65
Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Daman & Diu	48.1	19.6	41.56
Delhi	33.15	7.79	19.11
J&K	14.3	1.97	6.17
Ladakh	25.86	3.76	6.6
Lakshadweep	NA	NA	NA
Puducherry	23.75	9.65	11.6
UT-Chandigarh	34.47	6.09	18.4
India	39.07	9.49	20.74

Annexure II

District wise details of malnourished children (0-5 years) in Andhra Pradesh are as follows*:

District	Stunted (%)	Wasted (%)	Underweight (%)
Alluri Sitharamaraju	40.93	12.62	23.68
Anakapalli	18.05	5.56	8.47
Anantapur	23.38	5.72	11.5
Annamayya	18.12	5	6.91
Bapatla	16.26	4.24	6.7
Chittoor	22.19	6.36	9.81
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema	21.62	5.05	10.35
East Godavari	18.27	4.59	9.02
Eluru	19.03	6.85	10.08
GUNTUR	15.27	4.28	5.94
Kakinada	20	5.33	9.8
KRISHNA	14.82	4.04	6.03
Kurnool	27.57	5.79	13.94
Nandyal	32.99	6.72	16.95
NTR	18.77	4.2	7.48
Palnadu	16.12	4.79	6.69
Parvathipuram Manyam	23.17	6.78	11.86
Prakasam	16.64	4.29	6.68
SPSR NELLORE	19.55	7.16	10.45
Sri Satya Sai	20.71	5.99	9.33
Srikakulam	18.68	5.96	8.12
Tirupati	17.13	5.33	7.21
Visakhapatnam	19.23	5.31	7.58
Vizianagaram	20.43	5.38	10.46
West Godavari	15.41	4.73	8.45
Y.S.R Kadapa	18.08	4.28	7.59

* As per details available on Poshan Tracker for the month of June 2024

Annexure III

The State wise details of funds provided under Mission Poshan 2.0 Scheme, year-wise, along with the utilization are as follows:

Name of the State	Amount in ₹ crores					
	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
	Funds released	Fund utilised	Funds released	Fund utilised	Funds released	Fund utilised
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	19.71	13.36	3.85	3.88	12.15	Utilization Certificate not due
Andhra Pradesh	744.60	749.91	827.79	721.45	705.68	
Arunachal Pradesh	170.83	230.77	137.78	145.74	162.06	
Assam	1319.90	1432.19	1651.63	1717.00	2233.31	
Bihar	1574.43	1608.02	1740.09	1586.61	1859.29	
Chandigarh	15.32	23.09	33.10	34.33	19.79	
Chhattisgarh	606.73	522.72	668.96	571.80	579.46	
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	9.33	9.56	5.80	5.80	11.97	
Delhi	133.11	125.52	182.77	142.84	161.81	
Goa	10.84	12.92	14.71	16.83	13.95	
Gujarat	839.86	757.92	912.64	552.30	1126.80	
Haryana	173.03	146.99	195.25	150.24	225.78	
Himachal Pradesh	247.99	386.68	270.24	247.76	301.09	
Jammu & Kashmir	405.74	704.57	479.01	416.23	530.88	
Jharkhand	352.98	183.30	430.91	596.03	664.30	
Karnataka	1003.70	984.62	765.87	885.65	912.96	
Kerala	388.23	397.98	444.98	325.43	306.64	
Ladakh	14.70	14.67	18.79	18.79	19.62	
Lakshadweep	2.11	2.73	0.44	0.44	2.88	
Madhya Pradesh	1085.47	1055.83	1011.57	1038.67	1123.11	
Maharashtra	1713.39	1609.02	1646.17	1589.97	1699.52	
Manipur	228.92	177.28	135.95	167.74	201.28	
Meghalaya	173.33	177.86	192.39	200.24	269.69	
Mizoram	59.32	61.57	42.81	53.02	100.27	
Nagaland	159.80	160.21	199.30	190.47	262.91	
Odisha	1065.98	871.20	923.92	884.96	968.80	
Puducherry	2.78	6.13	0.12	6.68	4.48	
Punjab	383.52	177.94	75.31	247.25	307.87	
Rajasthan	682.65	771.64	974.02	936.17	1091.96	
Sikkim	25.73	24.59	20.33	24.09	33.49	
Tamil Nadu	655.38	681.28	766.81	741.30	880.79	
Telangana	482.33	479.30	550.69	503.33	507.87	
Tripura	186.72	171.66	150.52	186.55	244.22	
Uttar Pradesh	2407.55	2341.91	2721.87	2622.64	2668.69	
Uttarakhand	353.65	336.03	425.84	364.77	288.24	
West Bengal	668.35	1378.31	1227.59	1455.89	1237.56	