

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2024

MALNUTRITION IN TELANGANA

1966. SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI:

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

- (a) the details of child protection and welfare initiatives undertaken under Mission Vatsalya to enhance the nutrition level and safety of women and children with specific data for Telangana including Nizamabad;
- (b) the funds allocated and utilized for child welfare programmes under Mission Vatsalya nutrition programme in Telangana including Nizamabad during the last three years;
- (c) the number of children benefiting from the initiatives in institutional care and non-institutional care settings in Telangana; and
- (d) the details of the outcome observed in term of malnutrition reduction and safety improvement in Telangana?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

(a) to (d): Mission Vatsalya is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which is implemented by States/ Union Territories (UTs) to deliver various services for Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP) as well as Children in Conflict with Law (CCL). These services include Institutional Care and Non-Institutional Care. The fund sharing pattern between Centre and States is in the ratio of 60:40 for all States and UTs with legislature except the North-Eastern States and Hilly States - Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand and UT of Jammu & Kashmir, where the cost sharing is in the ratio of 90:10. In Union Territories without legislature, 100% cost is borne by the Central Government.

Government is committed to provide a security net of statutory and service delivery structures to the children in need of care and protection and children in conflict with law. Mission Vatsalya envisages setting up of Child Care Institutions (CCIs) which support, *inter-alia*, age-appropriate education, access to vocational training, recreation, health care, counselling and nutrition to children.

The scheme, through Child Helpline (1098) also provides for emergency outreach services (24x7) for children in difficult circumstances. It is further integrated with the Emergency Response Support System-112 (ERSS-112) Helpline of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The Ministry of Women and Child Development is also implementing Women 24x7x365 Helpline-181 (WHL-181) under Mission Shakti Scheme, which aims to provide emergency and non-emergency response, both in public and private spaces by linking the needy women with appropriate authorities such as Police, One Stop Centres, Hospitals, Legal Services Authorities etc. It also supports women in distress with counseling services in addition to providing information about schemes of women welfare across the country.

Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing Mission Poshan 2.0 which provides nutritional support through Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP), to children (06 months to 6 years), Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers (PW&LM) and Adolescent Girls (14 to 18 years).

Funds under Mission Vatsalya Scheme are released to the States/UTs. Details of fund released and utilised for State of Telangana under Mission Vatsalya Scheme are as under :

(Rs. in Crore)

2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
Amount released	Amount utilised	Amount released	Amount utilised	Amount released	Amount utilised
38.51	9.74	28.25	27.84	39.98	Not available yet

The information regarding release of funds by State Government to the districts under Mission Vatsalya Scheme is not maintained centrally.

In FY 2023-24, the total number of children supported for Institutional and Non-Institutional care under Mission Vatsalya Scheme in Telangana is 2243 and 4858 respectively.

Under Mission Poshan 2.0, details of improvement in malnutrition indicators for children (0-5 years) in the State of Telangana, as per Poshan Tracker (October 2024) data in comparison to National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS-5) (2019-21) report, are as follows:

NFHS-5 (2019-21)			Poshan Tracker (Oct, 2024)		
Stunted (%)	Wasted (%)	Underweight (%)	Stunted (%)	Wasted (%)	Underweight (%)
33.1	21.7	31.8	32.6	5.6	16.2
