

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3125  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**ANEMIC WOMEN AND MALNOURISHED CHILDREN**

**3125. SHRI RAJEEV RAI:**

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

- (a) whether the number of anemic women and malnourished children is rising rapidly in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the present status of the schemes being implemented by the Government to address the above-mentioned problem, scheme-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (c) the amount of funds allocated and spent under these schemes in the country, State/UTwise, especially in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years and current year, year-wise;
- (d) whether the number of anemic women and malnourished children has declined in Mau district of Uttar Pradesh in the year 2022-23 and 2023-34 as a result of these schemes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare implements the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health and Nutrition (RMNCAH+N) strategy in a life cycle approach under National Health Mission (NHM), which includes interventions to address malnutrition and anaemia across all States/UTs in the country as under:

- **Nutrition Rehabilitation Centers (NRCs)** are set up at public health facilities to provide in-patient medical and nutritional care to children under 5 years suffering from Severe Acute Malnourishment (SAM) with medical complications. In addition to curative care, special focus is given on timely, adequate and appropriate feeding for children; on improving the skills of mothers and caregivers on complete age-appropriate caring and feeding practices.
- **Anaemia Mukt Bharat (AMB)** strategy is implemented to reduce prevalence of anaemia among children and women in life cycle approach through implementation of six interventions (Prophylactic Iron and Folic Acid supplementation (IFA Syrup is provided biweekly to Children 6-59 months, and IFA Red tablets are provided weekly to women of reproductive age), Deworming (all children are provided albendazole tablets during National Deworming Day), Intensified behavioural change communication campaign, Testing for anaemia and treatment as per management

protocols, mandatory provision of IFA fortified food in public health programmes and addressing non nutritional causes of anaemia especially malaria, fluorosis and hemoglobinopathies) via robust institutional mechanism.

- **Mothers' Absolute Affection (MAA) Programme** is implemented to improve breastfeeding coverage in children which includes early initiation of breastfeeding and exclusive breastfeeding for first six months followed by counselling on age-appropriate complementary feeding practices.

The details of State/UT-wise prevalence of stunting, wasting and underweight among children under 5 years and the prevalence of anaemia among women aged 15-49 years is placed at **Annexure I**.

State/UT wise status of Nutrition programmes is placed at **Annexure II**

(c) The details of funds approved and expenditure under National Health Mission for Nutrition programmes across all States/UTs including State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years and current year, year-wise from FY 2021-22 to FY 2024-25 Q2 (in Rs Lakhs) as per National Health Mission (Finance) are placed at **Annexure III**.

(d) and (e) The prevalence of stunting, wasting, and underweight among children under 5 years and the prevalence of anaemia among women aged 15-49 years in Mau district, Uttar Pradesh as per latest round of National Family Health Survey 5 (2019-21) is as below:

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>NFHS 5 (2019-21)</b>
Children under 5 years who are stunted (%)	25.4
Children under 5 years who are wasted (%)	21.2
Children under 5 years who are underweight (%)	30.3
All women aged 15-49 years who are anaemic (%)	44.3

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3125 for answer on 13.12.2024

**Annexure I**

**State/UT-wise status of undernutrition among children under 5 years and prevalence of anaemia among women [NFHS 5 (2019-21)]**

S.no.	State/UT	Children under 5 years who are stunted (%)	Children under 5 years who are wasted (%)	Children under 5 years who are under weight (%)	Women aged 15-49 years who are anaemic (%)
1	A&N Islands	22.5	16.0	23.7	57.5
2	Andhra Pradesh	31.2	16.1	29.6	58.8
3	Arunachal Pradesh	28.0	13.1	15.4	40.3
4	Assam	35.3	21.7	32.8	65.9
5	Bihar	42.9	22.9	41.0	63.5
6	Chandigarh	25.3	8.4	20.6	60.1
7	Chhattisgarh	34.6	18.9	31.3	60.8
8	DNH&DD	39.4	21.6	38.7	49.9
9	Delhi	30.9	11.2	21.8	62.5
10	Goa	25.8	19.1	24.0	39.0
11	Gujarat	39.0	25.1	39.7	65.0
12	Haryana	27.5	11.5	21.5	60.4
13	Himachal Pradesh	30.8	17.4	25.5	53.0
14	Jammu & Kashmir	26.9	19.0	21.0	55.9
15	Jharkhand	39.6	22.4	39.4	65.3
16	Karnataka	35.4	19.5	32.9	47.8
17	Kerala	23.4	15.8	19.7	36.3
18	Ladakh	30.5	17.5	20.4	92.8
19	Lakshadweep	32.0	17.4	25.8	25.8
20	Madhya Pradesh	35.7	19.0	33.0	54.7
21	Maharashtra	35.2	25.6	36.1	54.2
22	Manipur	23.4	9.9	13.3	29.4
23	Meghalaya	46.5	12.1	26.6	53.8
24	Mizoram	28.9	9.8	12.7	34.8
25	Nagaland	32.7	19.1	26.9	28.9
26	Odisha	31.0	18.1	29.7	64.3
27	Puducherry	20.0	12.4	15.3	55.1
28	Punjab	24.5	10.6	16.9	58.7
29	Rajasthan	31.8	16.8	27.6	54.4
30	Sikkim	22.3	13.7	13.1	42.1
31	Tamil Nadu	25.0	14.6	22.0	53.4
32	Telangana	33.1	21.7	31.8	57.6
33	Tripura	32.3	18.2	25.6	67.2
34	Uttar Pradesh	39.7	17.3	32.1	42.6
35	Uttarakhand	27.0	13.2	21.0	50.4
36	West Bengal	33.8	20.3	32.2	71.4

State/UT-wise status of Nutrition programmes

Annexure II

S.no.	State/UT	Number of Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres*	Percentage of Pregnant Women provided with 180 IFA tablets **	Percentage of Lactating Mothers provided with 180 IFA tablets**	Children under age 3 years breastfed within one hour of birth ***
1	A&N Islands	0	61.9	77.5	46.9
2	Andhra Pradesh	21	95.0	86.1	52
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1	91.5	57.4	52
4	Assam	29	95.0	65.4	49.1
5	Bihar	41	90.8	51.4	31.1
6	Chandigarh	1	95.0	95.0	63.7
7	Chhattisgarh	97	95.0	79.8	32.2
8	DNH&DD	1	95.0	95.0	25.9
9	Delhi	5	95.0	62.6	51.2
10	Goa	0	95.0	80.6	61.6
11	Gujarat	136	95.0	95.0	37.8
12	Haryana	11	95.0	59.7	41.6
13	Himachal Pradesh	7	89.7	72.1	45.1
14	Jammu & Kashmir	6	95.0	73.2	55.6
15	Jharkhand	98	92.4	76.2	21.5
16	Karnataka	33	95.0	88.3	49.1
17	Kerala	4	95.0	61.8	66.7
18	Ladakh	2	95.0	79.8	57.9
19	Lakshadweep	0	95.0	79.1	76.3
20	Madhya Pradesh	318	95.0	65.5	41.3
21	Maharashtra	45	95.0	61.9	53.2
22	Manipur	1	46.4	33.6	53.7
23	Meghalaya	7	68.6	64.2	78.8
24	Mizoram	1	81.5	64.6	60.1
25	Nagaland	1	71.7	42.4	57.9
26	Odisha	67	95.0	81.1	68.5
27	Puducherry	0	95.0	95.0	54.1
28	Punjab	5	72.8	49.4	53.1
29	Rajasthan	40	95.0	79.7	40.7
30	Sikkim	0	93.4	89.3	33
31	Tamil Nadu	8	95.0	61.9	60.2
32	Telangana	17	95.0	78.3	37.1
33	Tripura	1	95.0	58.6	36.4
34	Uttar Pradesh	81	95.0	46.8	23.9
35	Uttarakhand	2	95.0	64.6	41.3
36	West Bengal	53	95.0	92.3	59.4

Sources: \*-State Reports 2023-24

\*\* Health Management Information System (HMIS) for FY 2023-24

\*\*\* National Family Health Survey NFHS (2019-21)

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3125 for answer on 13.12.2024

**Annexure III**  
**SPIP Approvals and Expenditure for Nutrition Programmes under NHM for the period of F.Y. 2021-22 to 2024-25 (Q2)**

S.no	State/UT	2021-22*		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25 (up to Q2)	
		App	Exp	App	Exp	App	Exp	App	Exp
1	A&N Isl	42.9	1.6	36.1	7.7	71.7	11.1	47.8	12.7
2	Andhra	3,789.2	3,595.0	10237.6	3668.4	10,069.8	8,107.0	9,061.9	786.8
3	Arunachal	469.9	271.6	259.8	229.6	268.8	2.4	442.0	50.3
4	Assam	3,581.6	2,772.8	3327.8	2786.6	3,045.5	2,350.5	2,996.4	486.1
5	Bihar	1,616.2	1,004.2	11984.5	1992.2	11,943.3	3,192.7	10,459.9	1,161.0
6	Chandigarh	4.1	1.7	1.2	0.1	1.2	0.7	1.4	0.2
7	Chhattisgarh	5,514.9	3,392.7	3681.0	3328.0	3,517.7	1,728.4	3,722.8	397.7
8	DNH-DD	73.0	37.2	29.1	11.7	27.7	4.9	99.8	9.6
9	Delhi	1,287.1	105.4	862.8	26.5	850.7	49.2	1,219.5	34.6
10	Goa	50.3	15.9	159.5	60.3	159.5	39.9	83.3	1.5
11	Gujarat	7,384.4	5,210.4	4759.5	2467.5	4,383.8	4,361.1	6,226.1	714.9
12	Haryana	1,620.3	1,662.6	2283.2	2770.2	2,326.2	2,592.2	2,163.9	2,350.3
13	Himachal	526.3	291.9	506.8	214.9	268.1	199.8	1,096.4	43.7
14	J&K	1,595.4	393.8	1192.2	551.3	1,332.2	81.8	1,304.4	46.3
15	Jharkhand	5,585.6	1,198.6	8578.4	3593.0	7,943.5	2,007.9	8,541.1	602.6
16	Karnataka	3,871.0	2,257.9	4597.8	618.7	5,196.2	1,408.6	1,280.8	49.5
17	Kerala	653.2	231.1	3347.8	1266.3	3,087.8	370.8	2,274.6	418.3
18	Ladakh	92.5	18.6	52.5	14.2	32.9	15.4	56.9	4.3
19	LKS	6.9	0.4	8.5	5.5	6.3	2.5	7.2	0.2
20	MP	9,236.7	6,549.2	15453.0	9289.7	20,025.9	9,240.5	13,507.1	1,696.5
21	Maharashtra	6,171.0	5,281.9	10497.6	3211.9	10,599.7	3,527.5	10,752.1	3,284.7
22	Manipur	530.3	85.2	281.1	63.1	275.1	48.3	870.7	85.4
23	Meghalaya	634.9	259.0	690.2	463.2	713.0	80.7	713.8	42.5
24	Mizoram	197.6	66.5	238.3	30.3	187.9	89.8	220.5	29.8
25	Nagaland	373.3	145.4	350.8	32.1	522.8	59.8	386.3	75.7
26	Odisha	5,446.0	3,973.6	4844.1	1328.6	3,889.4	2,154.5	2,958.8	1,301.3
27	Puducherry	44.7	26.7	259.2	113.1	288.2	33.3	128.4	18.7
28	Punjab	1,330.0	882.7	1351.7	187.6	1,320.0	1,320.0	2,265.3	42.9
29	Rajasthan	5,365.1	2,473.8	6303.7	2036.4	5,919.4	2,051.3	8,665.1	112.5
30	Sikkim	66.7	6.7	85.6	57.1	71.7	56.3	70.1	25.6
31	TN	826.5	863.4	2309.2	903.7	2,305.2	1,486.2	932.8	760.5
32	Telangana	2,176.5	1,683.4	3741.5	4819.7	3,687.7	325.5	4,242.6	0.0
33	Tripura	282.4	190.9	894.5	167.4	939.3	766.5	762.3	83.5
34	UP	21,449.8	8,398.6	20060.2	2213.6	39,441.5	11,311.1	16,904.1	864.6
35	UK	547.1	203.8	1866.5	384.2	2,005.5	472.9	1,844.9	348.4
36	West Bengal	5,638.7	8,311.8	3877.8	2470.0	4,081.9	3,034.8	5,656.3	795.0

1. SPIP Approval and Expenditure is as per the available Financial Management Reports submitted by State/UTs and are provisional.
2. Expenditure includes Expenditure against Central Release, Corresponding State share release & unspent balances at the beginning of the year.
3. \* Includes budget allocation for all CH programmes like MAA,NDD,AMB,NRC, VitA, IMNCL,F-IMNCL,IDCF, HBYC, HBNC, NBSU,NSSK,SNCU, KMC, SAANS, Family Participatory Care, CDR, Paed-HDU etc
4. Expenditure for FY 2024-25 includes expenditure against central Release, State release & unspent balances at the beginning of the year. The expenditure w.r.t. flexible pool for RCH, etc. is updated up-to 30.09.2024 except Arunachal Pradesh, PJ (updated up-to 31.08.2024), KN, MZ (updated up-to 31.07.2024) & MG (updated up-to 30.06.2024).
5. App-Approvals, Exp-Expenditure