

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3493**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2025

**MALNUTRITION AMONG CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN**

3493. SHRI MANISH JAISWAL:  
SMT. MANJU SHARMA:  
SHRI NALIN SOREN:

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

- (a) the details of the schemes being implemented by the Government to prevent malnutrition among children and pregnant women particularly in Jharkhand;
- (b) the details of the current schemes/programmes being implemented to tackle the problem of malnutrition in women and children across the country;
- (c) the details of the budget allocation for the above programmes during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the details of malnutrition rate in Rajasthan during the said period;
- (e) the other concrete steps taken by the Government to tackle the problem of malnutrition across the country; and
- (f) whether the Government has made any one accountable to ensure the proper implementation of the said schemes, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (f) Under the 15th Finance Commission, various components like Anganwadi services, Poshan Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent girls (of 14-18 years in Aspirational Districts and North-Eastern region) have been subsumed under the umbrella Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0) to address the challenge of malnutrition. It is a Centrally Sponsored mission, which is being implemented in all States/UTs including in the State of Jharkhand. The responsibility for implementation of various activities lies with the States and UTs. It is a universal self-selecting scheme where there are no entry barriers for any beneficiary to register and receive services.

The objectives of Mission are as follows:

- To contribute to development of human capital in the country;
- Address challenge of malnutrition;
- Promote nutrition awareness and good eating habits for sustainable health and wellbeing

Under Mission Poshan 2.0, a new strategy has been made for reduction in malnutrition and for improved health, wellness and immunity through activities like community engagement, outreach, behavioral change, and advocacy. It 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 prevalence of wasting, stunting, and being underweight.

Under this mission, Supplementary Nutrition is provided to Children (6 months to 6 years), Pregnant Women, Lactating Mothers and Adolescent Girls to beat the intergenerational cycle of malnutrition by adopting a life cycle approach. Supplementary nutrition is provided in accordance with the nutrition norms contained in Schedule-II of the National Food Security Act. These norms have been revised in January 2023. 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 for quality protein, healthy fats and micronutrients.

Fortified rice is being supplied to AWCs to meet the requirement of micro-nutrients and to control anaemia among women and children. Greater emphasis is being laid on the use of millets at least once a week for preparation of Hot Cooked Meal and Take Home ration at Anganwadi centers.

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

Under this Mission, one of the major activities undertaken is Community Mobilization and Awareness Advocacy to educate people on nutritional aspects, as adoption of good nutrition habit requires sustained efforts for behavioural change. State and UTs are conducting and reporting regular sensitisation activities under Jan Andolans 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 nutritional practices and all Anganwadi workers are required to conduct two Community Based Events every month.

The State wise detail of funds released to States/UTs in the last 3 years is at Annexure-I.

The detail of malnutrition indicators in Rajasthan is at Annexure-II.

**Annexure-I**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA QUESTION NO. 3493 FOR 21.03.2025 REGARDING “MALNUTRITION AMONG CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN” ASKED BY SHRI MANISH JAISWAL, SMT. MANJU SHARMA AND SHRI NALIN SOREN**

The State/UT wise details of funds released to States under Mission Poshan 2.0 during the last three years and the current year are as follows:

S. No.	States/ UTs	Amount in ₹ crore			
		2021-22 Funds released	2022-23 Funds released	2023-24 Funds released	2024-25* Funds released
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	19.71	3.85	12.15	7.56
2	Andhra Pradesh	744.60	827.79	705.68	521.79
3	Arunachal Pradesh	170.83	137.78	162.06	72.28
4	Assam	1319.90	1651.63	2233.31	1792.07
5	Bihar	1574.43	1740.09	1859.29	2001.73
6	Chandigarh	15.32	33.10	19.79	14.17
7	Chattisgarh	606.73	668.96	579.46	549.31
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	9.33	5.80	11.97	9.13
9	Delhi	133.11	182.77	161.81	151.72
10	Goa	10.84	14.71	13.95	11.95
11	Gujarat	839.86	912.64	1126.80	308.66
12	Haryana	173.03	195.25	225.78	177.52
13	Himachal Pradesh	247.99	270.24	301.09	245.60
14	Jammu & Kashmir	405.74	479.01	530.88	488.97
15	Jharkhand	352.98	430.91	664.30	451.12
16	Karnataka	1003.70	765.87	912.96	823.42
17	Kerala	388.23	444.98	306.64	267.67
18	Ladakh	14.70	18.79	19.62	14.64
19	Lakshadweep	2.11	0.44	2.88	1.34
20	Madhya Pradesh	1085.47	1011.57	1123.11	1144.54
21	Maharashtra	1713.39	1646.17	1699.52	1334.02
22	Manipur	228.92	135.95	201.28	203.62
23	Meghalaya	173.33	192.39	269.69	84.79
24	Mizoram	59.32	42.81	100.27	31.27
25	Nagaland	159.80	199.30	262.91	138.91
26	Odisha	1065.98	923.92	968.80	781.29
27	Puducherry	2.78	0.12	4.48	3.68
28	Punjab	383.52	75.31	307.87	253.84

29	Rajasthan	682.65	974.02	1091.96	736.09
30	Sikkim	25.73	20.33	33.49	1.66
31	TamilNadu	655.38	766.81	880.79	526.37
32	Telangana	482.33	550.69	507.87	287.94
33	Tripura	186.72	150.52	244.22	81.81
34	Uttar Pradesh	2407.55	2721.87	2668.69	2060.25
35	Uttarakhand	353.65	425.84	288.24	159.10
36	West Bengal	668.35	1227.59	1237.56	1266.17
Total		18368.01	19849.82	21741.17	17006.1

**\* Fund released up to 28 February, 2025.**

**Annexure-II**

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The detail of malnutrition indicators in Rajasthan for last three years is as follows:

Feb-23			Feb-24			Feb-25		
Stunted%	Wasted%	Underweight%	Stunted%	Wasted%	Underweight%	Stunting%	Wasting%	Underweight%
34.10	11.43	20.32	37.43	7.71	17.63	38.57	6.31	18.67

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