

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 787  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025**

**PREVALENCE OF ANEMIA CASES**

**787. SHRI RAMASAHAYAM RAGHURAM REDDY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the high prevalence of anemia cases among women and children in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated population in the country affected by such disease especially anemic pregnant women during the last three years, State/UT and year-wise;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to address the situation in this regard; and
- (d) the current status of the implementation of Anemia Mukht Bharat initiative?

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

(a) The prevalence of anemia in women (15-49 years) across the country is 57.0 percent and the prevalence of anemia in children (6-59 months) across the country is 67.1 percent as per the National Family Health Survey 5 (2019-21).

(b) The prevalence of anemia in pregnant women (15-49 years) across the country is 52.2 percent as per the National Family Health Survey 5 (2019-21). The State/UT-wise anemic pregnant women as per the National Family Health Survey 5 (2019-21) is placed at Annexure.

(c) and (d) The Government of India implements Anemia Mukht Bharat strategy to reduce prevalence of anemia in women and children 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, IFA Red tablet is provided weekly to Women of Reproductive age group and IFA Red tablets are provided daily for 180 days to pregnant women and lactating mothers; 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 mechanisms.

As per HMIS data, in FY 2024-25 (upto December 2024), IFA syrup is provided to 45.3 percent children aged 6-59 months and IFA Red tablets are provided to 95.0 percent pregnant women.

**Annexure referred to in the reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 787 for answer on 7th February 2025**

**Annexure**

**State/UT-wise Prevalence of Anemia among Pregnant Women (15-49 years) as per National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-21)**

<b>States/UT</b>	<b>Percentage of pregnant women who are anemic</b>
Andhra Pradesh	53.7
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	53.7
Arunachal Pradesh	27.9
Assam	54.2
Bihar	63.1
Chandigarh	*
Chhattisgarh	51.8
DND & DD	60.7
Goa	41.0
Gujarat	62.6
Haryana	56.5
Himachal Pradesh	42.2
Jammu & Kashmir	44.1
Jharkhand	56.8
Karnataka	45.7
Kerala	31.4
Ladakh	78.1
Lakshadweep	20.9
Madhya Pradesh	52.9
Maharashtra	45.7
Manipur	32.4
Meghalaya	45.0
Mizoram	34.0
Nagaland	22.2
NCT Delhi	42.2
Odisha	61.8
Puducherry	42.5
Punjab	51.7
Rajasthan	46.3
Sikkim	40.7
Tamil Nadu	48.3
Telangana	53.2
Tripura	61.5
Uttar Pradesh	45.9
Uttarakhand	46.4
West Bengal	62.3

\*Percentage data not available