

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2146
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2025

NUTRITION AND HEALTH OUTCOMES

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

- (a) the number of children aged 0-6 years currently enrolled in Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) along with the number of children receiving supplementary nutrition daily, State-wise and gender-wise;
- (b) the number of pregnant and lactating women receiving full Take-Home Ration (THR) entitlements at least 80% of the time; and
- (c) the percentage of underweight and wasted children (as per WHO growth standards) tracked through Poshan Tracker or Integrated Child Development Services-Common Application Software (ICDS-CAS) during the last five years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (c): 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, where the responsibility for implementation of various activities lies with the States and UTs. This mission is a universal self-selecting umbrella scheme where there are no entry barriers for any beneficiary to register and receive services.

The details of number of children aged 0-6 currently registered under Saksham Anganwadi and Mission Poshan 2.0 State-wise and gender-wise, for June 2025, as per Poshan Tracker data are placed at **Annexure-I**.

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. The details of the number of children, pregnant women and lactating mothers, for whom Supplementary nutrition is being provided for first quarter of FY 25-26 to the States and UTs are placed at **Annexure-II**. The number of beneficiaries is based on the number of Aadhaar-verified beneficiaries minus opt-out beneficiaries reported on the Poshan Tracker on the last day of the first month of the preceding quarter.

Various rounds of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare since 1992-93 have shown improvement in malnutrition indicators in children across India. Details of these indicators for children since NFHS-1 to NFHS-5 are given below:

NFHS Survey	Stunting %	Underweight %	Wasting %
NFHS-1 (1992-93)*	52	53.4	17.5
NFHS-2 (1998-99)**	45.5	47	15.5
NFHS-3 (2005-6)***	48.0	42.5	19.8
NFHS-4 (2015-16)***	38.4	35.8	21.0
NFHS-5 (2019-21)***	35.5	32.1	19.3

- * Under 4 years
- ** Under 3 years
- *** Under 5 years

The above table gives a representative picture of malnutrition indicators among all children of 0-3 years, 0-4 years and 0-5 years age at the relevant time.

The projected population of all children up to 5 years in India for the year 2021 is 13.75 crores approximately (source: Population Projections for India and States 2011-2036, National Commission on Population, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare). However, only 7.36 crores children up to 5 years were enrolled in Anganwadis and registered on Poshan Tracker of the Ministry of Women & Child Development as per the June, 2025 data. 7 crores of these children were measured on growth parameters of height and weight. 37.07% of them have been found to be stunted, 15.93% have been found to be underweight and 5.46% wasted.

Further, the projected population of all children in India up to 6 years for the year 2021 is approximately 16.1 crores. As per the June, 2025 data of Poshan Tracker, 8.61 crores children (0-6 years) were enrolled in Anganwadis out of whom 8.19 crores were measured on growth parameters of height and weight. 35.91% of these children (0-6 years) have been found to be stunted and 16.50% children (0-6 years) have been found to be underweight.

The analysis of the above NFHS data and the Poshan Tracker data shows improvement in malnutrition indicators in children across India. The State/UT wise data on wasting and underweight of June, 2025 as per Poshan Tracker data is placed at **Annexure III**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA QUESTION NO. 2146 FOR 01.08.2025 REGARDING “NUTRITIONAL AND HEALTH OUTCOMES” ASKED BY DR. KALYAN VAIJINATHRAO KALE

The details of the number of children aged 0-6 years currently registered under Saksham Anganwadi and Mission Poshan 2.0, State-wise and gender-wise, for June 2025, as per Poshan Tracker data are as below:

State/UTs	Male	Female
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	5177	5214
Andhra Pradesh	1248364	1184544
Arunachal Pradesh	43114	42953
Assam	1330018	1300011
Bihar	4887451	4488619
Chhattisgarh	1088543	1080736
Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Daman & Diu	16096	15340
Delhi	264432	259593
Goa	21603	21409
Gujarat	1489002	1410711
Haryana	898982	845256
Himachal Pradesh	238740	225076
J&K	393562	389381
Jharkhand	1425494	1326232
Karnataka	1783251	1737055
Kerala	908417	884969
Ladakh	8382	8252
Lakshadweep	1832	1698
Madhya Pradesh	3299905	3173155
Maharashtra	2997129	2782614
Manipur	135070	130408
Meghalaya	198878	196327
Mizoram	50522	49360
Nagaland	52063	50422
Odisha	1668062	1582746
Puducherry	14331	14368
Punjab	746492	694334
Rajasthan	1830291	1757517
Sikkim	14854	14380
Tamil Nadu	1905176	1802364
Telangana	952444	884528

Tripura	143640	140833
UT-Chandigarh	16262	15894
Uttar Pradesh	10177900	9197301
Uttarakhand	311082	298449
West Bengal	3876127	3693851

Annexure-II**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA QUESTION NO. 2146 FOR 01.08.2025 REGARDING “NUTRITIONAL AND HEALTH OUTCOMES” ASKED BY DR. KALYAN VAIJINATHRAO KALE**

The details of the number of children, pregnant women and lactating mothers, for whom Supplementary nutrition is being provided for first quarter of FY 25-26 to the States and UTs are as below:

S.No	State/UT	Children (6M to 6 years) along with SAM and SUW	Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers
1	Andhra Pradesh	2265268	457921
2	Bihar	9748727	1303166
3	Chhattisgarh	2058585	340451
4	Goa	47981	8685
5	Gujarat	2914466	457810
6	Haryana	1045481	256160
7	Jharkhand	2673987	352302
8	Karnataka	3433879	669253
9	Kerala	1401671	226788
10	Madhya Pradesh	6110914	954001
11	Maharashtra	5449195	754318
12	Odisha	3100626	554701
13	Punjab	1069507	204284
14	Rajasthan	3382644	673563
15	Tamil Nadu	2367566	610932
16	Telangana	1623580	293402
17	Uttar Pradesh	19179628	2850060
18	West Bengal	7129078	1138312
19	Delhi	525234	141263
20	Puducherry	32554	7691
21	Himachal Pradesh	284334	75635
22	J&K	748029	112432
23	Uttarakhand	625923	131129
24	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	10190	1783
25	UT-Chandigarh	22016	7311
26	Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Daman & Diu	23587	5959
27	Ladakh	16577	2422
28	Lakshadweep	3936	795

29	Arunachal Pradesh	70284	4818
30	Assam	2598489	309595
31	Manipur	259280	20767
32	Meghalaya	359214	39865
33	Mizoram	99058	12192
34	Nagaland	75205	3591
35	Sikkim	23751	3489
36	Tripura	276613	33620

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State-wise detail of malnutrition indicators of children (0-5 years) in the country for June, 2025 from Poshan Tracker data are as follows:

S. No.	State	Wasting%	Underweight%
1	Andhra Pradesh	4.97	7.68
2	Arunachal Pradesh	5.18	11.65
3	Assam	4.50	16.88
4	Bihar	9.31	20.98
5	Chhattisgarh	7.77	14.23
6	Goa	0.78	1.96
7	Gujarat	7.28	18.41
8	Haryana	3.83	7.85
9	Himachal Pradesh	2.41	6.88
10	Jharkhand	6.68	19.13
11	Karnataka	3.18	16.50
12	Kerala	3.20	10.18
13	Madhya Pradesh	8.19	24.82
14	Maharashtra	4.01	14.80
15	Manipur	0.67	2.69
16	Meghalaya	1.11	5.14
17	Mizoram	2.98	6.33
18	Nagaland	6.08	7.00
19	Odisha	3.21	11.63
20	Punjab	2.95	5.12
21	Rajasthan	6.49	17.57
22	Sikkim	1.95	1.69
23	Tamil Nadu	3.54	6.29
24	Telangana	5.93	17.00
25	Tripura	7.68	18.01
26	Uttar Pradesh	5.04	19.96
27	Uttarakhand	2.47	6.31
28	West Bengal	4.75	9.00
29	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1.66	2.93

30	Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Daman & Diu	3.56	17.45
31	Delhi	3.81	15.35
32	J&K	1.55	4.05
33	Ladakh	0.25	1.98
34	Lakshadweep	11.62	22.54
35	Puducherry	6.40	12.20
36	UT-Chandigarh	5.34	14.69
