

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

LOK SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 3566
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2026

MALNUTRITION AMONG CHILDREN IN TRIBAL/TEA GARDEN AREAS

3566. SHRI ARUP CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of severe malnutrition among children in tribal, tea-garden and rural areas in several States, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of severely underweight children (0-6 years) identified under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether funds under Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) and Poshan Tracker are being fully released to Anganwadi centres on time, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to introduce real-time public audit of Anganwadi nutrition supply and beneficiary attendance to prevent leakages and ghost entries, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (d): To address the challenge of malnutrition, Anganwadi services, Poshan Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent girls (age 14-18 years in Aspirational Districts and North-Eastern region) have been subsumed under the umbrella Mission Poshan 2.0. This Mission includes beneficiaries; Children under 6 years of age, pregnant women, lactating mothers and adolescent girls of the country including tribal, tea-garden and rural areas.

The number of severely underweight children identified under Mission Poshan 2.0 during the last three years, (State-wise); is available at the link: <https://www.poshantracker.in/statistics> Mission Poshan 2.0 is a Centrally Sponsored scheme where the responsibility for the implementation of various activities lies with the States and UTs. The funds are released to the States and UTs, which are subsequently transferred to the Anganwadi Centres. The details of funds released to the State and UTs during the last 3 years are placed at Annexure.

The 'Poshan Tracker' digital application has rolled out as an important ICT based governance tool for monitoring and tracking of all Anganwadi Centres (AWCs), Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and beneficiaries on defined indicators. It has facilitated near real time data collection

for Anganwadi Services. The public dashboard of Poshan Tracker has information related to AWC infrastructure, details on opening of AWCs, number of registered beneficiaries and status of Aadhaar verification. It also has details on services like Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP), Growth Measurement status of children and home visit details of pregnant women, lactating mothers and 0-2 years children. For last mile tracking of service delivery, Facial Recognition System (FRS) has been introduced in Poshan Tracker application for distribution of Take-Home Ration (THR) to ensure that benefit is given only to the intended beneficiary registered on the Poshan Tracker to prevent leakages and ghost entries.

Annexure

THE FUNDS RELEASED TO THE STATE AND UTS DURING LAST 3 YEARS:

(Rupees in crores)

S. No.	Name of the State and UTs	Funds released (2022-23)	Funds released (2023-24)	Funds released (2024-25)
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	3.85	12.15	9.63
2	Andhra Pradesh	827.79	705.68	645.73
3	Arunachal Pradesh	137.78	162.06	102.61
4	Assam	1,651.63	2,233.31	2,482.34
5	Bihar	1,740.09	1,859.29	2,262.92
6	Chandigarh	33.10	19.79	14.56
7	Chhattisgarh	668.96	579.46	733.30
8	DNH & DD	5.80	11.97	9.13
9	Delhi	182.77	161.81	160.41
10	Goa	14.71	13.95	13.44
11	Gujarat	912.64	1,126.80	601.32
12	Haryana	195.25	225.78	232.69
13	Himachal Pradesh	270.24	301.09	313.07
14	Jammu & Kashmir	479.01	530.88	662.79
15	Jharkhand	430.91	664.30	496.95
16	Karnataka	765.87	912.96	886.85
17	Kerala	444.98	306.64	435.74
18	Ladakh	18.79	19.62	18.89
19	Lakshadweep	0.44	2.88	1.35
20	Madhya Pradesh	1,011.57	1,123.11	1,144.54
21	Maharashtra	1,646.17	1,699.52	1,368.84
22	Manipur	135.95	201.28	342.87
23	Meghalaya	192.39	269.69	137.93
24	Mizoram	42.81	100.27	55.29
25	Nagaland	199.30	262.91	147.01
26	Odisha	923.92	968.80	948.16
27	Puducherry	0.12	4.48	3.68
28	Punjab	75.31	307.87	265.48
29	Rajasthan	974.02	1,091.96	741.85
30	Sikkim	20.33	33.49	18.07
31	Tamil Nadu	766.81	880.79	638.47
32	Telangana	550.69	507.87	430.76
33	Tripura	150.52	244.22	153.41
34	Uttar Pradesh	2,721.87	2,668.69	2,694.62
35	Uttarakhand	425.84	288.24	216.33
36	West Bengal	1,227.59	1,237.56	1,513.80