

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION. 4664
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2026

CURRENT STATUS OF MALNUTRITION

4664. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

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

- (a) the current rate of malnutrition among children in the country as per the latest surveys, State-wise;
- (b) whether the actual expenditure has been lower than the sanctioned budget under Poshan Abhiyaan and other related schemes, if so, the details of the sanctioned budget and the actual expenditure incurred during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to develop any concrete mechanism to monitor the implementation of the said schemes and the expenditure incurred thereon to prevent misuse of budget for tackling malnutrition in the country, particularly in tribal areas; and
- (d) if so, the details along with the timeline thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) has launched 'Poshan Tracker' digital application, an ICT based tool, for monitoring and tracking of all activities related to Anganwadi Centres (AWCs), Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and beneficiaries on defined indicators under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0). Technology under Poshan Tracker is being leveraged for dynamic identification of stunting, wasting, under-weight prevalence among children from 0-6 years of age group. The State wise information on malnutrition among children in the country is available on the Poshan Tracker public dashboard at the given link: <https://www.poshantracker.in/statistics>.

Further, various rounds of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS), conducted by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare since 1992-93, also collect data on malnutrition indicators in children across the country. State wise details of these indicators as per NFHS-5 are given at the **Annexure I**.

Mission Poshan 2.0 is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme where the Central Government is responsible for the overall planning and policy making and its day-to-day implementation falls under the ambit of State Government and UT administration. The details of financial allocation and expenditure under the scheme for last three years is mentioned below:

S. No.	Year	Budget Estimates (₹ crores)	Revised Estimates (₹ crores)	Expenditure / Funds Released (₹ crores)
1	2022-23	20,263.07	20,263.07	19,876.11
2	2023-24	20,554.31	21,523.13	21,809.64
3	2024-25	21,200.00	21,035.12	21,014.01

The Ministry has created a dedicated portal for submission of Utilization Certificates (UCs) and Statement of Expenditure (SOE), to ensure effective monitoring of fund utilization. Further, to improve transparency and accountability, Mission Poshan 2.0 has been onboarded on SNA SPARSH which works on the 'just in time' method. The details of funds released for the States and UTs under Mission Poshan 2.0 during last three years is placed at Annexure II.

For last mile tracking of Service Delivery, the MoWCD has developed Facial Recognition System (FRS) in Poshan Tracker Application for distribution of Take-Home Ration and to ensure that benefit is given only to the intended beneficiary registered in the application. Further, Nominee Module has been introduced in application to ensure uninterrupted delivery of Take-Home Ration (THR) to the beneficiaries; Pregnant Women, Lactating Mothers, and Adolescent Girls. If due to any reason, the registered beneficiary is unable to visit the Anganwadi Centre to receive their THR through FRS, she can nominate a person on her behalf to receive her THR. Further, Aadhaar based tracking has enabled proper identification of beneficiaries, prevention of leakages and eliminating ghost entries. As per the data available on the Poshan Tracker dashboard, 99.88% registered beneficiaries are Aadhaar verified.

STATE AND UT WISE PREVALENCE OF STUNTING, WASTING AND UNDERWEIGHT AMONG CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE AS PER NATIONAL FAMILY HEALTH SURVEY-5 (2019-2021)

S. No.	State and UT	Stunting (%)	Wasting (%)	Underweight (%)
INDIA		35.5	19.3	32.1
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	22.5	16	23.7
2	Andhra Pradesh	31.2	16.1	29.6
3	Arunachal Pradesh	28	13.1	15.4
4	Assam	35.3	21.7	32.8
5	Bihar	42.9	22.9	41
6	Chandigarh	25.3	8.4	20.6
7	Chhattisgarh	34.6	18.9	31.3
8	DNH& DD	39.4	21.6	38.7
9	Delhi	30.9	11.2	21.8
10	Goa	25.8	19.1	24
11	Gujarat	39	25.1	39.7
12	Haryana	27.5	11.5	21.5
13	Himachal Pradesh	30.8	17.4	25.5
14	Jammu & Kashmir	26.9	19	21
15	Jharkhand	39.6	22.4	39.4
16	Karnataka	35.4	19.5	32.9
17	Kerala	23.4	15.8	19.7
18	Lakshadweep	32	17.4	25.8
19	Ladakh	30.5	17.5	20.4
20	Madhya Pradesh	35.7	19	33
21	Maharashtra	35.2	25.6	36.1
22	Manipur	23.4	9.9	13.3
23	Meghalaya	46.5	12.1	26.6
24	Mizoram	28.9	9.8	12.7
25	Nagaland	32.7	19.1	26.9
26	Orissa	31	18.1	29.7
27	Puducherry	20	12.4	15.3
28	Punjab	24.5	10.6	16.9
29	Rajasthan	31.8	16.8	27.6
30	Sikkim	22.3	13.7	13.1
31	Tamil Nadu	25	14.6	22
32	Telangana	33.1	21.7	31.8
33	Tripura	32.3	18.2	25.6
34	Uttar Pradesh	39.7	17.3	32.1
35	Uttarakhand	27	13.2	21
36	West Bengal	33.8	20.3	32.2

Annexure II

STATE AND UT WISE FUND RELEASE DETAILS FOR LAST 3 YEARS

(Rs. in crores)

S. No.	State and UT	Funds released (2022-23)	Funds released (2023-24)	Funds released (2024-25)	Funds released (2025-26)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	3.85	12.15	9.63	8.10
2	Andhra Pradesh	827.79	705.68	645.73	522.97
3	Arunachal Pradesh	137.78	162.06	102.61	109.67
4	Assam	1651.63	2233.31	2482.34	1025.07
5	Bihar	1740.09	1859.29	2262.92	878.72
6	Chandigarh	33.10	19.79	14.56	9.87
7	Chhattisgarh	668.96	579.46	733.30	392.39
8	DNH & DD	5.80	11.97	9.13	144.61
9	Delhi	182.77	161.81	160.41	5.92
10	Goa	14.71	13.95	13.44	12.62
11	Gujarat	912.64	1126.80	601.32	337.53
12	Haryana	195.25	225.78	232.69	43.38
13	Himachal Pradesh	270.24	301.09	313.07	257.02
14	Jammu & Kashmir	479.01	530.88	662.79	282.87
15	Jharkhand	430.91	664.30	496.95	386.01
16	Karnataka	765.87	912.96	886.85	620.40
17	Kerala	444.98	306.64	435.74	176.06
18	Ladakh	18.79	19.62	18.89	16.41
19	Lakshadweep	0.44	2.88	1.35	0.82
20	Madhya Pradesh	1011.57	1123.11	1144.54	791.73
21	Maharashtra	1646.17	1699.52	1368.84	1060.79
22	Manipur	135.95	201.28	342.87	133.15
23	Meghalaya	192.39	269.69	137.93	81.40
24	Mizoram	42.81	100.27	55.29	47.93
25	Nagaland	199.30	262.91	147.01	88.88
26	Odisha	923.92	968.80	948.16	789.82
27	Puducherry	0.12	4.48	3.68	3.90
28	Punjab	75.31	307.87	265.48	133.15
29	Rajasthan	974.02	1091.96	741.85	722.33
30	Sikkim	20.33	33.49	18.07	9.00
31	Tamil Nadu	766.81	880.79	638.47	508.87
32	Telangana	550.69	507.87	430.76	117.70
33	Tripura	150.52	244.22	153.41	133.75
34	Uttar Pradesh	2721.87	2668.69	2694.62	1944.79
35	Uttarakhand	425.84	288.24	216.33	223.30
36	West Bengal	1227.59	1237.56	1513.80	1029.28
