

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1460**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2016

**FOOD AND NUTRITION BOARD**

1460. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:

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

- (a) the functioning mechanism of Food and Nutrition Board under the Government;
- (b) whether the Food and Nutrition Board is functioning properly in the country including in Jharkhand; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) Food and Nutrition Board (FNB) is the technical support wing of the Ministry of Women and Child Development. It has a countrywide set up comprising a Headquarter at the Center and four Regional Offices located at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai, each headed by a Deputy Technical Adviser. Each of the Regional Office has a Quality Control Laboratory and a network of field offices called Community Food and Nutrition Extension Units (CFNEUs). In all, there are a total of 43 CFNEUs in 30 States/UTs of the country involved in a wide range of Nutrition Education and Extension activities.

(b& c) Yes, Food and Nutrition Board is functioning properly. A gist of various programmes conducted throughout the country including Jharkhand is annexed.

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Programmes organized by Food and Nutrition Board

ACTIVITES	Programme
<b>Nutrition Education and Training</b>	Training of Trainers (TOTs) courses, Orientation Training Courses (OTCs), training courses in Home Scale Preservation of Fruits and Vegetables and Nutrition, and Nutrition Education Programmes are undertaken in Rural, Tribal Areas and Urban Slums and inspection of AnganwadiCenters.
Quality analysis of supplementary nutrition under ICDS	During inspection of AnganwadiCenters, samples of Supplementary food provided under ICDS are drawn and analysed for quality parameters at the four Regional Quality Control Laboratories (RQCL) located at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai.
<b>Nationwide celebration of events</b>	World Breast Feeding Week (1-7 August), National Nutrition Week (1-7 September), World Food Day (16 <sup>th</sup> October), Global Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) Prevention Day (21 <sup>st</sup> October), Universal Children's Day (14 <sup>th</sup> November), International Women's Day (8 <sup>th</sup> March) etc are celebrated with active participation of the respective State/UT Governments. Exhibition on health and nutrition, nutrition rally, quiz competition on nutrition, recipe completion and street play on nutrition etc.are organized during the events.
<b>Exhibitions</b>	FNB also participates/organizes in various exhibitions and fairs from time to time to generate mass awareness on nutrition related issues in the country.
<b>Media activities</b>	Media activities undertaken by Food and Nutrition Board in order to create awareness among masses are as under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Print advertisements with nutrition messages in popular national dailies.</li> <li>• Development of Audio visuals on nutrition.</li> <li>• Broadcast of audio and video messages through Radio and Television Channels.</li> </ul>