

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1495

TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2016

MALNUTRITION AMONG WOMEN

1495 SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA:
SHRI LALLU SINGH:

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

- (a) whether level of malnutrition among women in Bundelkhand region is higher than other parts of the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the schemes being implemented/proposed to be implemented by the Government to tackle this problem?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI

(a) Bundelkhand region of the country geographically comes under the States of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. The data as per the Clinical, Anthropometric and Biochemical (CAB) Survey, 2014, a component of the Annual Health Survey, conducted by Registrar General of India (RGI), on prevalence of undernutrition (BMI<18.5) and anaemia among women in some of the districts falling in the Bundelkhand region and the average prevalence in the respective State is annexed.

(b) The Government has accorded high priority to the issue of malnutrition and is implementing several schemes/programmes of different Ministries/Departments through State Governments/UT Administrations to address one or other aspect related to nutrition in the country including the districts falling in the Bundelkhand region. This Ministry is implementing Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, 'Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG)—'Sabla', and Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) as direct targeted interventions to address the problem of malnutrition among women and children.

Additionally, the Food and Nutrition Board of the Ministry, through its regional field units, is engaged in conducting training programmes in nutrition, in addition to advocacy towards generating awareness through nutrition education programmes on the importance of healthy balanced diets especially through the use of locally available foods, mass awareness campaigns and use of electronic and print media.

The main aim of all these activities is to improve nutritional outcomes and bring down the level of malnutrition in the country especially amongst women and children.

Annexure

Prevalence of Undernutrition and anaemia among Women (age 18-59 years) in districts falling under the Bundelkhand Region as per Clinical, Anthropometric and Biochemical (CAB) Survey, 2014, a component of Annual Health Survey,

State / District	Chronic Energy Deficiency (BMI <18.5) (%)	Anemia (%)
Madhya Pradesh	21.2	83.7
Datia	13.1	74.4
Chhatarpur	18.8	84.7
Tikamgarh	35.8	94.8
Panna	15.5	88.3
Damoh	16.3	82.2
Sagar	49.4	84.7
Uttar Pradesh	28.4	91.5
Jalaun	29.1	95.9
Jhansi	25.7	89.7
Lalitpur	25.8	80.9
Hamirpur	25.5	96.6
Mahoba	30.4	79.4
Banda	8.1	82.9
Chitrakoot	15.4	93.5

conducted by Registrar General of India (RGI)