

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1053
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2016**

ANAEMIC/UNDERWEIGHT CHILDREN

1053. SHRI C.R. PATIL:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of prevalence of anaemia among children and significant number of children below five years are underweight;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise including Gujarat; and
- (c) whether the Government has ascertained the reasons for the prevalence of underweight and anaemic children?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a) & (b): Yes. Government is aware of prevalence of anaemia among children and that significant number of children below five years are underweight. As per National Family Health Survey-3, around 70 per cent of under-five children are anaemic and as per Rapid Survey of Children (2013), around 29 per cent children are underweight.

State/UT-wise details of prevalence of anaemia and underweight including Gujarat is annexed.

(c): The various reasons for high prevalence of underweight and anaemia in children are due to inadequate food, level of poverty leading to low purchasing power, poor socio-economic status of women, female illiteracy, high rate of population growth and low access of population to health education, unsafe drinking water and low level of sanitation and hygiene.

Annexure

Sl. No	STATES	% Anaemia Prevalence in under-five (NFHS-3)	% Underweight Prevalence in under-five (RSOC-2013)
1	All India	69.5	29.4
2	Andhra P.	70.8	22.3
3	Arunachal P.	56.9	24.6
4	Assam	69.6	22.2
5	Bihar	78	37.1
6	Chhattisgarh	71.2	33.9
7	Delhi	57	19.4
8	Goa	38.2	16.2
9	Gujarat	69.7	33.6
10	Haryana	72.3	22.7
11	Himachal P.	54.7	19.5
12	J & K	58.6	15.4
13	Jharkhand	70.3	42.1
14	Karnataka	70.4	28.9
15	Kerala	44.5	18.5
16	Madhya P.	74.1	36.1
17	Maharashtra	63.4	25.2
18	Manipur	41.1	14.1
19	Meghalaya	64.4	30.9
20	Mizoram	44.2	14.8
21	Nagaland	NA	19.5
22	Odisha	65	34.4
23	Punjab	66.4	16
24	Rajasthan	69.7	31.5
25	Sikkim	59.2	15.8
26	Tamil Nadu	64.2	23.3
27	Tripura	62.9	30.5
28	Uttar P.	73.9	34.3
29	Uttarakhand	61.4	20.6
30	West Bengal	61	30