

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2098
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31-07-2026**

EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN INDICATORS IN NFHS - 6

2098. SMT. KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that certain indicators, including anaemia prevalence, infant mortality rate and sex ratio at birth are not included in the NFHS-6 factsheets released in May 2026;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for non-inclusion therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the impact of the non-inclusion of such indicators on the planning, monitoring and implementation of maternal and child health and nutrition programmes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) conducts an integrated survey namely National Family Health Survey (NFHS). The survey provides data on health and family welfare and associated domains like characteristics of the population; fertility and fertility preferences; family planning; maternal and child health; nutrition; morbidity and healthcare; women's empowerment, etc. The National and State/UT Fact Sheets of sixth round of NFHS (2023-24) were released on 29.05.2026.

The indicators to be included in the NFHS-6 National and State/UT Fact Sheets were finalized on the recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) constituted for NFHS-6, comprising representatives from concerned Ministries/Departments including Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Women & Child Development (MoWCD), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India, NITI Aayog, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) etc.

The TAC recommended finalizing the list of indicators for the Fact Sheets in line with the Data Harmonization initiatives of the Government of India, so as to avoid inconsistencies arising from fragmented and unharmonized data available across different official data sources. The TAC further recommended that the Fact Sheets are intended to present only key indicators, particularly those related to health and family welfare, so as to better highlight the key takeaways of the survey.

Additionally, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, after due deliberations, decided to adopt the prevalence figures of anaemia to be arrived from an independent survey conducted by Indian Council of Medical Research utilizing the gold standard intravenous method for haemoglobin testing.

The Sample Registration System (SRS), conducted by the Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India, provides annual estimates of the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB). SRS data are used for annual monitoring of mortality/vital indicators such as IMR and SRB.

Under National Health Mission, the Government of India assesses the planning monitoring and implementation of various maternal, child and nutrition health schemes by undertaking periodic Regional/State level review meetings, field visits in various States/Union Territories (UTs) and through various digital platforms.
