

Funding of PM's council on India's nutrition challenges

2623. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY : Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the findings of the Prime Minister's Council on India's nutrition challenges;

(b) what is the State-wise figure of under-nourished children; and

(c) how does the council co-ordinate between Ministries to see that there are no under-nourished children in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH) : (a) The Prime Minister's National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges during its first meeting on 24th November, 2010, agreed upon the following decisions:

- (i) The ICDS requires strengthening and restructuring. The Ministry of Women and Child Development will take steps in this direction, with special focus on pregnant and lactating mothers and children under three. The ICDS also needs to forge strong institutional convergence with National Rural Health Mission and Total Sanitation Campaign particularly at the district and village level. It needs to provide flexibility for local action and empower mothers in particular and the community in general to have a stake in the programme. [Action: Ministry of Women and Child Development in consultation with Planning Commission and other relevant Ministries]
- (ii) A multi-sectoral programme to address the maternal and child malnutrition in selected 200 high-burden districts would be prepared. This programme will bring together various national programmes through strong institutional and programmatic convergence at the State, District, Block and Village levels. While designing this programme the suggestion made by the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission about alternate models may be considered. [Action: Ministries of Women and Child Development in consultation with the Planning Commission, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and other relevant Ministries]

- (iii) A nationwide information, education and communication campaign, coordinated by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, in consultation with the Planning Commission and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, would be launched against malnutrition so as to address issues of status of women, the care of pregnant mothers and children under two, breastfeeding, and the importance of balanced nutrition, health, hygiene and sanitation. [Action: Ministry of WCD]
- (iv) The Ministries that deal with Health, Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation, School Education, Agriculture and Food and Public Distribution will bring strong nutrition focus to their programme. [Action: the relevant Ministries]
- (b) The State-wise prevalence of underweight in children below 5 years given in the statement (*See blow*)
- (c) The PM's Council is serviced by the Prime Minister's Office. With regards to the decision (iv) of the PM's Council meeting on 24.11 .2010, Planning Commission has been organizing several meetings with the concerned Ministries dealing with nutrition. On other nutrition related follow ups and coordination, Ministry of Women and Child Development coordinates and pursues the related issues.

Statement

*Prevalence of Underweight and anemia Children below the age of five years,
NFHS 3, (2005-06), - State-wise*

S.No	State	Children (below 5 yrs of age)	
		% Underweight	% Anemia
1	2	3	4
1.	Madhya Pradesh	60.0	74.1
2.	Bihar	55.9	78.0
3.	Jharkhand	56.5	70.3
4.	Meghalaya	48.8	64.4
5.	Chhattisgarh	47.1	71.2
6.	Gujarat	44.6	69.7

1	2	3	4
7.	Uttar Pradesh	42.4	73.9
8.	Odisha	40.7	65.0
9.	Rajasthan	39.9	69.7
10.	Tripura	39.6	62.9
11.	Haryana	39.6	72.3
12.	West Bengal	38.7	61.0
13.	Uttarakhand	38.0	61.4
14.	Karnataka	37.6	70.4
15.	Maharashtra	37.0	63.4
16.	Himachal Pradesh	36.5	54.7
17.	Assam	36.4	69.6
18.	Andhra Pradesh	32.5	70.8
19.	Arunachal Pradesh	32.5	56.9
20.	Tamil Nadu	29.8	64.2
21.	Delhi	26.1	57.0
22.	J & K	25.6	58.6
23.	Nagaland	25.2	NA
24.	Goa	25.0	38.2
25.	Punjab	24.9	66.4
26.	Kerala	22.9	44.5
27.	Manipur	22.1	49.1
28.	Mizoram	19.9	44.2
29.	Sikkim	19.7	59.2
	INDIA	42.5	69.5