

in a phased manner. The Centres aims to facilitate medical aid and police assistance, provide legal counselling/court management, psycho-social counseling and temporary shelter, if required.

### **Orphanages in Uttar Pradesh**

†612. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the number of orphanages in Uttar Pradesh, and whether Government has received any complaints from the orphanages of Uttar Pradesh if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI): (a) There are 46 Children Homes and Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAA) in Uttar Pradesh which are supported under Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS). No complaints have been received from orphanages of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise.

### **Programmes against malnutrition**

613. SHRI A. U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the problem of Malnutrition continues to haunt the population of India at the highest level, particularly the poor and backward classes of India, despite several schemes implemented by Government in this regard, details regarding percentage of children and mothers in the country continue to be victims of Malnutrition;

(b) the reasons for the ineffective and inefficient outcome of these schemes, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds sanctioned and released respectively by the Centre to these schemes in the last five years and the current year; and

(d) the steps being undertaken/ proposed to be undertaken by the Government to deal with this problem?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI): (a) According to National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-3 (2005-06) carried out by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, 42.5 per cent children under 5 years of age are underweight, 48 per cent are stunted and 19.8 per cent are wasted. 35.6 per cent women in age group of 15-49 years have BMI less than 18.5. As reported by the National Family Health Survey-3 (2005-06), 55.3 per cent of all women 15-49 years, 56.2 per cent ever married women, 58.7 per cent of pregnant women and 78.9 % of under-five children are anaemic in the country.

- Among Schedule Tribes and Schedule Castes along with Other Backward Classes the percentage of underweight children is 54.5 per cent, 47.9 per cent and 43.2 per cent respectively.
- According to Wealth quintile, 59.9% of under-five children were stunted in lowest wealth quintile, only 25.3% under five children were stunted in highest wealth quintile. Similarly, for wasting in under-five children, 25% of children belonging to lowest wealth quintile were wasted but only 12.7% were wasted in highest wealth quintile. 56.6% of under-five children were underweight in lowest wealth quintile, but only 19.7% were underweight in highest wealth quintile. Though there is clearly a gradient of fall in nutritional status from highest to lowest wealth quintiles, there is also a large amount of malnutrition present in highest wealth quintiles.

However, the rate of malnutrition has declined from 42.7% in 1998-99 (NFHS-2) to 40.4% in 2005-06 (NFHS-3) for children below 3 years of age.

(b) Malnutrition is complex, multi-dimensional and inter-generational in nature, needing convergence of interventions, coordination and concerted action from various sectors. The causes are inadequate access to food, health services, safe drinking water, sanitation and environmental conditions, educational levels, income and socio-cultural factors like early marriage, etc. Situation is further compounded by ignorance about nutritional needs of infants and young children and repeated infections.

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. The schemes/programmes include the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, National Health Mission, Mid Day Meal Scheme, Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG) namely SABLA, Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojna (IGMSY) as direct targeted interventions. Besides, indirect Multi-sectoral interventions include Targeted Public Distribution System, National Horticulture Mission, National Food Security Mission, Mahatma Gandhi

National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Total Sanitation Campaign, National Rural Drinking Water Programme etc. All these schemes have potential to address one or other aspect related to Nutrition. However, the implementation of these schemes is done by State Governments/UT Administrations.

(c) and (d) This Ministry is implementing several schemes/programmes such as Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Rajiv Gandhi Schemes for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG) namely SABLA, Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojna (IGMSY) as direct targeted interventions.

In addition, under the National Nutrition Mission, there are two components, namely:

1. Nationwide Information, Education and Communication campaign against malnutrition, which was launched during 2012-13.
2. Multi-sectoral nutrition programme for prevention and reduction in child under-nutrition (underweight prevalence in children under 3 years of age) and reduction in levels of anaemia among young children, adolescent girls and women in 200 high-burden districts, which has been launched for the Twelfth Five Year Plan.

The funds sanctioned and released respectively by the center for these schemes/programmes/ policies is given in Statement.

**Statement**

*The budgetary allocation made under the schemes/ programmes*

Financial Year	ICDS (₹ in crore)	SABLA (₹ in crore)	IGMSY (₹ in crore)	National Nutrition Mission (₹ in crore)
2009-10	8157.76	-	-	-
2010-11	9763.11	210.17	117.96	-
2011-12	14271.70	517.81	293.84	-
2012-13	15701.50	456.59	825.78	55.69
2013-14	16267.49	544.78	232.06	123.00
2014-15 (as on date)	11724.57	422.57	226.86	0.0