

**Malnutrition among children and women**

2080. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government is aware that there is increasing number of cases of malnutrition among children and women in the country;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto, while taking note of high inflation rate;

(c) whether many State Governments have demanded hike in fund allocation and linking of the Government's ICDS with consumer price index; and

(d) if so, the Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR): (a) As per the recent report of National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4 conducted by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in 2015-16, 35.7% children under 5 years of age are underweight and 38.4% are stunted indicating a reduction from the previous NFHS-3 conducted in 2005-06, which reported 42.5% children under 5 years of age as underweight and 48% stunted. Further, 22.9% women (15-49 years of age) have chronic energy deficiency (BMI less than 18.5) which is a decline from the previous NFHS-3 levels which reported 35.5% women having chronic energy deficiency.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) The Supplementary Nutrition cost revision has been linked with consumer food price index. The fund allocation under SNP is based on cost norms and actual beneficiaries as per cost sharing between Centre and States/UTs.

*The House then adjourned for lunch at one minute past one of the clock.*

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*The House reassembled after lunch at two of the clock,*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN *in the Chair*

**REGARDING POINT OF ORDER DEMANDING  
VOTING ON AMENDMENTS**

SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN (West Bengal): Sir, I am on a point of order.