

Mothers in a time bound manner during the three years with fixed targets as under:

S.No.	Objective	Target
1.	Prevent and reduce stunting in children (0- 6 years)	By 6% @2% p.a.
2.	Prevent and reduce under-nutrition (underweight prevalence) in children (0-6 years)	By 6% @ 2% p.a.
3.	Reduce the prevalence of anaemia among young Children(6-59 months)	By 9% @ 3% p.a.
4.	Reduce the prevalence of anaemia among Women and Adolescent Girls in the age group of 15-49 years.	By 9% @ 3% p.a.
5.	Reduce Low Birth Weight (LBW).	By 6% @ 2% p.a.

The Abhiyaan aims to reduce malnutrition in the country in a phased manner, through a life cycle approach, by adopting a synergised and result oriented approach. The Abhiyaan has mechanisms for timely service delivery and a robust monitoring as well as intervention infrastructure. The major activities undertaken under this Abhiyaan are ensuring convergence with various other programmes; Information Technology enabled Common Application Software for strengthening service delivery and interventions; Community Mobilization and Awareness Advocacy leading to Jan Andolan- to educate the people on nutritional aspects; Capacity Building of Frontline Functionaries, incentivizing States/ UTs for achieving goals etc.

#### **‘YUWAAH’ youth skilling initiative**

1274. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has now latched onto the global ‘Generation Unlimited’ movement started in New York last year, by launching its national version YuWaah to provide relevant skills to a large number of adolescent population in the country;

(b) whether YuWaah aims at a paradigm shift in skilling and re-skilling by targeting adolescent population between ages 10 to 24; and

(c) whether boys and girls at the secondary level would be provided hands-on courses in vocational skills along with regular academical regime?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) UNICEF has informed that they have launched 'YUWAAH' Generation Unlimited in India on 1.11.2019. According to UNICEF, Generation Unlimited, called YuWaah in India, is a multi-stakeholder alliance which aims to facilitate youth to gain relevant skills for productive lives and the future of work. The target age group of YUWAAH includes adolescent girls and boys and its key mission is to promote access to foundational, transferable and 21st century skills for youth inside and outside formal education systems, which includes defining foundational skills, life skills and flexible learning and identifying and scaling impactful delivery models. Further, UNICEF has stated that YUWAAH intends to create platforms to guide youth to market opportunities (career guidance, mentorship, internships, apprenticeships) and facilitate integration of career guidance in school education.

#### **Malnourishment in women and children**

1275. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of malnourishment in women and children, year-wise and State-wise for the last five years;

(b) whether Government has taken any concrete steps to tackle the issue of malnourishment in women and children during the last five years; and

(c) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) As per the report of NFHS-4 conducted in 2015-16, 35.7% children under 5 years of age are underweight and 38.4% are stunted and 22.9% women (15-49 years of age) have chronic energy deficiency (BMI less than 18.5) indicating a reduction from the previous NFHS-3 conducted in 2005-06, which reported 42.5% children under 5 years of age as underweight 48% stunted and 35.6% women (15-49 years of age) have chronic energy deficiency (BMI less than 18.5). Further, as per the report of Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS) (2016-18), prevalence of stunting, wasting and underweight among children is 34.7%, 17% and 33.4% respectively, which indicates further reduction as compared to the levels reported by NFHS-4. The State-wise details are given in Statement (*See below*).

The Government has accorded high priority to the issue of malnutrition and is