

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2021

REDUCING MALNOURISHMENT THROUGH POSHAN ABHIYAAN

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Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of how POSHAN Abhiyaan is reducing malnourishment in the country, State-wise; and
- (b) the details of children in the country who are still malnourished, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) & (b) POSHAN Abhiyaan launched on 8th March 2018, aims to reduce malnutrition in the country by adopting a synergised and result oriented approach for improving the nutritional status of children from 0-6 years, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers in a time bound manner. The Abhiyaan has mechanisms for timely service delivery and a robust monitoring as well as intervention infrastructure. The major components under this Abhiyaan are ensuring convergence with partnering Ministries/Departments with their key programmes to ensure nutrition outcomes; Information Communication & Technology based Application Software for strengthening service delivery and interventions; Community Mobilization and Awareness Advocacy leading to Jan Andolan for behavior change and to educate people on nutritional aspects; Capacity Building of Frontline Functionaries and incentivizing States/ UTs for achieving goals.

Mission Poshan 2.0, an integrated nutrition support programme has been announced in budget 2021-2022 for all 36 States/UTs covering all the Districts. It seeks to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes with focus on developing practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity to disease and malnutrition. Steps have been taken to improve nutritional quality and testing in accredited labs, strengthen delivery and leverage technology under Poshan Tracker to improve governance. States/UTs have been advised to promote use of AYUSH systems for prevention of malnutrition and related diseases. Guidelines were issued for transparency and accountability in delivery of supplementary nutrition and to track nutritional outcomes on 13.01.2021.

The data on nutritional indicators is captured under the National Family Health Surveys (NFHS) conducted periodically by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. As per the recent report of NFHS-5 (2019-21), the nutrition indicators for children under 5 years have improved as compared with NFHS-4 (2015-16). Stunting, Wasting and Underweight has reduced from 38.4% to 35.5%, 21.0% to 19.3% and 35.8% to 32.1% respectively.

The State/UT wise details of children under 5 years who are stunted, wasted and underweight as per the National Family Health Survey 5 is at **Annexure I**.

Annexure I

State/UT wise prevalence of stunting, wasting and underweight among children under 5 years as per National Family Health Survey 5 (NFHS-5) 2019-21

S. No.	Name of State and UT	Stunting (%)	Wasting (%)	Underweight (%)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	22.5	16	23.7
2	Andhra Pradesh	31.2	16.1	29.6
3	Arunachal Pradesh	28	13.1	15.4
4	Assam	35.3	21.7	32.8
5	Bihar	42.9	22.9	41
6	Chandigarh	25.3	8.4	20.6
7	Chhattisgarh	34.6	18.9	31.3
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	39.4	21.6	38.7
9	Delhi	30.9	11.2	21.8
10	Goa	25.8	19.1	24
11	Gujarat	39	25.1	39.7
12	Haryana	27.5	11.5	21.5
13	Himachal Pradesh	30.8	17.4	25.5
14	Jammu & Kashmir	26.9	19	21
15	Jharkhand	39.6	22.4	39.4
16	Karnataka	35.4	19.5	32.9
17	Kerala	23.4	15.8	19.7
19	Ladakh	30.5	17.5	20.4
18	Lakshadweep	32	17.4	25.8
20	Madhya Pradesh	35.7	19	33
21	Maharashtra	35.2	25.6	36.1
22	Manipur	23.4	9.9	13.3
23	Meghalaya	46.5	12.1	26.6
24	Mizoram	28.9	9.8	12.7
25	Nagaland	32.7	19.1	26.9
26	Orissa	31	18.1	29.7
27	Puducherry	20	12.4	15.3
28	Punjab	24.5	10.6	16.9
29	Rajasthan	31.8	16.8	27.6
30	Sikkim	22.3	13.7	13.1
31	Tamil Nadu	25	14.6	22
32	Telangana	33.1	21.7	31.8
33	Tripura	32.3	18.2	25.6
34	Uttar Pradesh	39.7	17.3	32.1
35	Uttarakhand	27	13.2	21
36	West Bengal	33.8	20.3	32.2