

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1560
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15th March 2022**

PROBLEM OF ANAEMIA AMONG WOMEN

1560: SHRI DEREK O BRIEN:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- a) the steps taken to address the problem of anaemia after the closure of schools and anganwadi due to COVID pandemic since in the NFHS survey, more than half the women of India were found to be anaemic in 14 out of 22 States in the first phase of the survey; and
- b) the details of budgetary allocation for the same for this financial year?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has issued guidance notes to all the States and UTs regarding “Enabling Delivery of Essential Health Services during the COVID 19 Outbreak” on 14th April, 2020 and “Provision of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health plus Nutrition services during and post COVID-19 pandemic” on 24th May, 2020 for continuation of service delivery amid COVID-19 pandemic.

As per these guidance notes, the States and UTs have been advised to ensure home distribution of Iron Folic Acid supplementation to the target age groups i.e. Pre-school Children 6-59 months, Children 5-9 years, adolescents 10-19 years, Pregnant and lactating Women.

They have also been advised to undertake distribution of IFA supplements through the Village Health Sanitation Nutrition Days (VHSNDs) to be held in the staggered manner while ensuring all the personal protective measures and physical distancing norms by the frontline workers i.e. ASHAs/ANMs/AWWs.

The Government of India has also developed and launched Anaemia Mukh Bharat (AMB) e-Training Modules to facilitate training of the health care providers through virtual platform amid COVID 19 pandemic.

(b) Under National Health Mission, financial support is provided to the States and UTs for effective implementation of interventions under AMB strategy based on proposals submitted through their respective annual Programme Implementation Plan (PIP). Sufficient funds are made available to the States/UTs for carrying out activities pertaining to addressing anaemia. The details on budgetary allocation for activities towards the reduction of anemia are placed at Annexure.

Annexure

State/UT wise Approvals towards Anaemia under NHM for the F.Y. 2021-22

		(Rs. in lakhs)
S.No.	State/UT	2021-22
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	4.45
2	Andhra Pradesh	2018.16
3	Arunachal Pradesh	28.85
4	Assam	11360.33
5	Bihar	4078.28
6	Chandigarh	0.50
7	Chhattisgarh	2762.19
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	6.57
9	Delhi	365.95
10	Goa	816.29
11	Gujarat	4252.93
12	Haryana	13.65
13	Himachal Pradesh	6510.00
14	Jammu & Kashmir	2236.78
15	Jharkhand	3204.63
16	Karnataka	13289.90
17	Kerala	20103.00
18	Ladakh	60.50
19	Lakshadweep	38.85
20	Madhya Pradesh	10350.21
21	Maharashtra	29607.98
22	Manipur	21.73
23	Meghalaya	100.10
24	Mizoram	381.54
25	Nagaland	686.88
26	Odisha	384.71
27	Puducherry	54.22
28	Punjab	4744.00
29	Rajasthan	60348.00
30	Sikkim	344.10
31	Tamil Nadu	13125.48
32	Telangana	1161.00
33	Tripura	200.50
34	Uttar Pradesh	17379.51

35	Uttarakhand	2285.91
36	West Bengal	8043.60

Note:

1. The above data is as per available FMRs as submitted by States/UTs and is updated upto 31.12.2021.
2. The above data comprises of Printing activities for Ayushman Bharat H&WC, Printing activities under Blood services & disorders, Antenatal Screening of all pregnant women coming to the facilities in their first trimester for Sickle cell trait, β Thalassemia, Haemoglobin variants esp. Haemoglobin E and Anaemia -Refer Hemoglobinopathies guidelines, Line listing and follow-up of severely anaemic women, Line listing of the women with blood disorders, Follow up mechanism for the severely anaemic women and the women with blood disorders, One time Screening to Identify the carriers of Sickle cell trait, β Thalassemia, Haemoglobin variants at school especially class 8 students and in newborns, Supplies for IMEP and Free drug services.