

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1696
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH AUGUST 2024**

‘ANEMIA MUKTA BHARAT’

**1696 SMT. SULATA DEO:
SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:**

Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) with a notable rise in reports of anemic women as per recent NFHS data, the recent measures Government has taken to address this issue, and how these measures have been implemented across the States;
- (b) whether Government has taken steps to increase the percentage of interventions, which has consistently been below 25 per cent across the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (c) The Government implements Anemia Mukta Bharat (AMB) strategy to reduce prevalence of anaemia in children, adolescents, and women in life cycle approach. The 6X6X6 strategy aims to reduce anaemia among **six beneficiary age groups**- children 6-59 months, children 5-9 years, adolescents 10-19 years, women of reproductive age (15-49 years), pregnant women and lactating women through implementation of **six interventions**- Prophylactic Iron Folic Acid Supplementation; Periodic deworming; Intensified year-round Behaviour Change Communication Campaign; Testing of anemia using digital invasive haemoglobinometer and point of care treatment; Mandatory provision of Iron Folic Acid fortified foods in public health programmes; Addressing non-nutritional causes of anemia in endemic pockets, via **six institutional mechanisms** - Inter-ministerial coordination; Convergence with other ministries; strengthening supply chain and logistics; Engaging National Centre of Excellence and Advanced research on Anaemia Control for capacity building of health care providers; and monitoring using AMB dashboard.

The Mission Poshan 2.0 is a flagship programme of Government of India which seeks to address the challenge of malnutrition and for improved health, wellness and immunity through community engagement, outreach, behavioral change, and advocacy. The Scheme focuses on Maternal Nutrition, Infant and Young Child Feeding Norms, treatment of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)/ Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) and wellness through AYUSH practices to reduce wasting and underweight prevalence beside stunting and anaemia. The supplementary nutrition is provided to children (6 months to 6 years), pregnant women, lactating mothers and Adolescent Girls (14 to 18 years in Aspirational districts and North-East States) to bridge the gap in the intake of nutrients. During Poshan Maahs and Poshan Pakhwadas celebrated in the months of September and March-April respectively, dedicated activities for awareness on anaemia are conducted.

Also, to combat anemia, the Government is supplying fortified rice enriched with iron, folic acid and vitamin B12 under the Rice Fortification Initiative in a phased manner under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM-POSHAN) Scheme, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme and in Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) in all States and Union Territories. The custom-milled rice has been replaced with fortified rice in every scheme of the Government.

The progress under AMB is measured through Iron Folic Acid coverage among beneficiaries. The State-wise progress for Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) coverage among women is provided at Annexure.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1696 for answer on 06.08.2024

Annexure

**State-wise Iron Folic Acid (IFA) coverage among women across the country
(Source: HMIS 2023-24)**

States/ Union Territories	Percentage of Pregnant women provided 180 IFA Red tablets	Percentage of Lactating women provided 180 IFA Red tablets
India	95.0	65.9
A & N Islands	61.9	77.5
Andhra Pradesh	95.0	86.1
Arunachal Pradesh	91.5	57.4
Assam	95.0	65.4
Bihar	90.8	51.4
Chandigarh	95.0	95.0
Chhattisgarh	95.0	79.8
D&DH and D&D	95.0	95.0
Delhi	95.0	62.6
Goa	95.0	80.6
Gujarat	95.0	95.0
Haryana	95.0	59.7
Himachal Pradesh	89.7	72.1
Jammu & Kashmir	95.0	73.2
Jharkhand	92.4	76.2
Karnataka	95.0	88.3
Kerala	95.0	61.8
Ladakh	95.0	79.8
Lakshadweep	95.0	79.1
Madhya Pradesh	95.0	65.5
Maharashtra	95.0	61.9
Manipur	46.4	33.6
Meghalaya	68.6	64.2
Mizoram	81.5	64.6
Nagaland	71.7	42.4
Odisha	95.0	81.1
Puducherry	95.0	95.0
Punjab	72.8	49.4
Rajasthan	95.0	79.7
Sikkim	93.4	89.3
Tamil Nadu	95.0	61.9
Telangana	95.0	78.3
Tripura	95.0	58.6
Uttar Pradesh	95.0	46.8
Uttarakhand	95.0	64.6
West Bengal	95.0	92.3