

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *249
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024

WOMEN SUFFERING FROM ANEMIA AND MALNOURISHED CHILDREN

*249. #SHRI IMRAN PRATAPGARHI:

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

- (a) whether the number of women suffering from anemia and malnourished children is increasing in the country, if so, State-wise details thereof;
- (b) the current status of Government's scheme to deal with this problem, State-wise details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated and spent under these schemes in the years 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25, State-wise details thereof; and
- (d) whether any decline in the number of cases of anemia and malnutrition has been reported under these schemes in years 2022-23 and 2023-24, if so, State-wise details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 249 to be answered on 18.12.2024 regarding “Women suffering from anemia and malnourished children” asked by Shri Imran Pratapgarhi.

- (a) to (d) Poshan Abhiyaan was launched in March 2018. Under the 15th Finance Commission, various components like Anganwadi services, Poshan Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent girls (of 14-18 years in Aspirational Districts and North-Eastern region) have been subsumed under the umbrella Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0) to address the challenge of malnutrition. It is a Centrally Sponsored mission, where the responsibility of implementation and day-to-day execution of activities lie with the States and UTs.

Mission is a universal self-selecting umbrella scheme available to all the eligible beneficiaries who enroll at the Anganwadi Centers (AWCs) and is being implemented in all States/UTs.

The objectives of Mission are as follows:

- To contribute to the development of human capital in the country;
- Address challenge of malnutrition;
- Promote nutrition awareness and good eating habits for sustainable health and wellbeing

Under this Mission, a new strategy has been made for reduction in malnutrition and for improved health, wellness and immunity through activities like community engagement, outreach, behavioral change, and advocacy. It 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 prevalence of wasting, stunting, anaemia and being underweight.

Under this scheme, Supplementary Nutrition is provided to Children (6 months to 6 years), Pregnant Women, Lactating Mothers and Adolescent Girls to beat the intergenerational cycle of malnutrition by adopting a life cycle approach. Supplementary nutrition is provided in accordance with the nutrition norms contained in Schedule-II of the National Food Security Act. These norms have been revised and upgraded last year. The old norms were largely calorie-specific; however, the revised norms are more comprehensive and balanced in terms of both quantity and quality of supplementary nutrition based on the principles of diet diversity that provides quality protein, healthy fats and micronutrients.

Fortified rice is being supplied to AWCs to meet the requirement of micro-nutrients and to control anaemia among women and children. Greater emphasis is being laid on the use of millets for preparation of Hot Cooked Meal at least once a week and Take Home ration at Anganwadi centers.

Ministries of Women & Child Development and Health & Family Welfare have jointly released the protocol for Community Management of Malnutrition (CMAM) to prevent and treat severely acute malnutrition in children and for reducing associated morbidity and mortality.

Under this Mission, one of the major activities undertaken is Community Mobilization and Awareness Advocacy leading to a Jan Andolan to educate people on nutritional aspects. State and UTs are conducting and reporting regular sensitisation activities under community engagement programmes during Poshan Maahs and Poshan Pakhwadas celebrated in the months of September and March-April respectively. Community Based Events (CBEs) have served as a significant strategy in changing nutritional practices and all Anganwadi workers are required to conduct two Community Based Events every month.

Nutrition goes beyond mere eating of food; it requires proper digestion, absorption, and metabolism which are influenced by factors like sanitation, education and access to safe drinking water. As malnutrition requires a multi-sectoral approach involving dimensions of food, health, water, sanitation and education, it is crucial to effectively address the issue of malnutrition. The challenge of malnutrition is being addressed under Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 by establishing cross cutting convergence amongst 18 Ministries/Departments.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare implements Anaemia Mukh Bharat (AMB) programme in 6X6X6 strategy to reduce the prevalence of anaemia among six beneficiary groups - Children 6-59 months, Children 5-9 years, Adolescents (10-19 years), Women of reproductive age (15-49 years), pregnant women and lactating mothers in lifecycle approach through six interventions - Prophylactic Iron and Folic Acid supplementation (IFA Syrup is provided biweekly to children 6-59 months, IFA Pink is provided weekly to children 5-9 years, IFA Blue is provided weekly to adolescents (10-19 years), IFA Red is provided weekly to Women of Reproductive age group and IFA Red tablets (daily for 180 days) are provided to pregnant women and lactating mothers), Deworming, Intensified year-round behaviour change communication campaign, testing of anaemia using digital invasive haemoglobinometer and point of care treatment, Mandatory provision of iron and folic acid fortified foods in public health programmes, addressing non-nutritional causes of anaemia in endemic pockets, with special focus on malaria, haemoglobinopathies and fluorosis, via robust institutional mechanism.

Various rounds of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare since 1992-93 have shown improvement in malnutrition indicators in children across India. Details of these indicators for children since NFHS-1 to NFHS-5 are given below:

NFHS Survey	Stunting %	Underweight %	Wasting %
NFHS-1 (1992-93)*	52	53.4	17.5
NFHS-2 (1998-99)**	45.5	47	15.5
NFHS-3 (2005-6)***	48.0	42.5	19.8
NFHS-4 (2015-16)***	38.4	35.8	21.0
NFHS-5 (2019-21)***	35.5	32.1	19.3

* Under 4 years

** Under 3 years

*** Under 5 years

The above table gives a representative picture of malnutrition indicators among all children of 0-3 years, 0-4 years and 0-5 years age at the relevant time.

The projected population of all children up to 5 years in India for the year 2021 is 13.75 crores approximately (source: Population Projections for India and States 2011-2036, National Commission on Population, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare). However, only 7.54 crores children up to 5 years are enrolled in Anganwadis and registered on Poshan Tracker of the Ministry of Women & Child Development as per the October 2024 data. 7.31 crores of these children were measured on growth parameters of height and weight. 38.9% of these children have been found to be stunted, 17% children have been found to be underweight and 5.2% wasted.

Further, the projected population of all children in India up to 6 years for the year 2021 is approximately 16.1 crores (source: Population Projections for India and States 2011-2036, National Commission on Population, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare). As per the October 2024 data of Poshan Tracker, 8.82 crores children (0-6 years) are enrolled in Anganwadis out of whom 8.55 crores were measured on growth parameters of height and weight. 37% of these children (0-6 years) have been found to be stunted and 17% children (0-6 years) have been found to be underweight.

The analysis of the above NFHS data and the Poshan Tracker data shows improvement in malnutrition indicators in children across India.

State wise details of malnutrition indicators of children (0-5 years) in the country for October 2022, October 2023 and October 2024 from Poshan Tracker are at **Annexure-I**.

State-wise details of prevalence of anaemia among women aged 15-49 years as per the National Family Health Survey are at **Annexure – II**.

State wise details of funds released and utilized under Mission Poshan 2.0 Scheme from FY 2022-23 till FY 2024-25 are at **Annexure-III**.

State wise funds released and utilized for Nutrition Programmes under National Health Mission (NHM) for FY 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 are at **Annexure-IV**.

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State wise details of malnutrition indicators of children (0-5 years) in the country for October 2022, October 2023 and October 2024 from Poshan Tracker are as follows:

State	Oct, 2022			Oct, 2023			Oct, 2024		
	Stunted (%)	Wasted (%)	Underweight (%)	Stunted (%)	Wasted (%)	Underweight (%)	Stunted (%)	Wasted (%)	Underweight (%)
Andhra Pradesh	21.2	5.3	10.5	18.2	5.4	8.7	22.6	5.3	10.8
Arunachal Pradesh	33.3	5.3	14.6	27.2	4.6	9.1	32.7	4.1	9.6
Assam	39.0	8.2	19.0	39.0	5.0	15.9	42.4	3.8	16.3
Bihar	42.9	11.0	25.8	45.0	9.0	22.7	43.8	9.2	22.9
Chhattisgarh	39.0	10.4	17.9	29.4	11.3	15.5	21.5	7.0	13.1
Goa	37.2	9.0	16.2	18.8	2.3	5.8	4.1	0.6	1.7
Gujarat	53.6	8.1	23.1	43.6	8.9	20.7	40.8	7.8	21.0
Haryana	30.1	8.5	14.0	25.9	5.7	8.9	28.2	4.1	8.7
Himachal Pradesh	26.1	4.6	10.8	21.7	2.4	7.2	18.4	1.7	6.3
Jharkhand	43.2	12.1	25.9	38.8	8.8	18.8	43.8	6.2	19.3
Karnataka	41.0	8.9	20.7	39.7	7.5	17.5	39.7	3.2	17.1
Kerala	37.2	9.5	15.3	33.1	4.8	10.1	34.4	2.3	9.5
Madhya Pradesh	52.4	9.7	33.0	40.5	8.2	23.6	46.5	6.9	26.5
Maharashtra	49.5	7.1	21.8	48.1	5.6	17.5	47.7	4.1	16.5
Manipur	17.8	2.8	7.6	16.3	1.2	7.7	7.7	0.3	2.6
Meghalaya	27.4	3.1	8.7	24.7	1.8	6.6	18.2	0.4	4.5
Mizoram	20.0	4.2	6.2	23.5	3.7	5.6	26.7	2.3	5.9
Nagaland	27.8	6.9	9.8	22.9	4.6	7.0	28.0	5.3	6.6

State	Oct, 2022			Oct, 2023			Oct, 2024		
	Stunted (%)	Wasted (%)	Underweight (%)	Stunted (%)	Wasted (%)	Underweight (%)	Stunted (%)	Wasted (%)	Underweight (%)
Odisha	30.6	5.9	14.7	34.3	4.0	14.8	29.1	2.9	12.8
Punjab	32.9	9.2	12.9	18.0	5.4	7.9	18.4	3.0	5.9
Rajasthan	37.0	11.6	20.0	35.7	7.5	16.7	36.6	5.5	17.7
Sikkim	12.2	2.8	2.7	14.1	2.8	3.1	9.2	1.5	1.7
Tamil Nadu	22.6	6.1	10.5	16.6	4.8	8.1	13.4	3.6	7.1
Telangana	29.6	5.7	14.3	30.8	4.6	13.5	32.6	5.6	16.2
Tripura	36.9	9.2	16.3	37.8	7.2	15.4	40.5	6.3	16.6
Uttar Pradesh	45.2	9.5	21.7	45.7	5.7	19.4	48.0	3.9	19.4
Uttarakhand	31.8	6.7	8.4	33.4	6.3	8.4	21.0	1.5	5.4
West Bengal	41.1	10.1	16.2	38.1	8.6	12.5	38.0	7.5	13.0
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	24.0	6.9	10.8	20.7	4.5	8.2	8.7	2.3	3.9
Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Daman & Diu	52.9	15.4	40.1	45.2	12.5	32.8	35.9	3.3	16.1
Delhi	32.8	4.5	16.5	33.6	4.8	19.1	41.9	3.0	20.6
J&K	14.5	2.5	5.6	18.1	2.5	5.1	12.1	0.7	3.0
Ladakh	27.9	5.3	8.0	15.9	1.8	3.5	11.0	0.2	2.0
Lakshadweep	100.0	0.0	75.0	39.9	11.8	19.4	46.5	11.9	25.1
Puducherry	26.0	9.3	12.0	29.0	7.9	11.6	40.2	6.8	13.0
UT-Chandigarh	36.6	4.5	18.0	34.1	0.7	12.0	26.3	1.8	11.8

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State/UT wise prevalence of anaemia among women of age 15-49 years (Comparison between NFHS 4 and NFHS 5)

S. No.	State/UT	NFHS 4 (2015-16)	NFHS 5 (2019-21)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	65.7	57.5
2	Andhra Pradesh	60	58.8
3	Arunachal Pradesh	43.2	40.3
4	Assam	46	65.9
5	Bihar	60.3	63.5
6	Chandigarh	75.9	60.1
7	Chhattisgarh	47	60.8
8	Delhi	54.3	49.9
9	DNH&DD	72.9	62.5
10	Goa	31.3	39
11	Gujarat	54.9	65
12	Haryana	62.7	60.4
13	Himachal Pradesh	53.5	53
14	J&K	48.9	55.9
15	Jharkhand	65.2	65.3
16	Karnataka	44.8	47.8
17	Kerala	34.3	36.3
18	Ladakh	78.4	92.8
19	Lakshadweep	46	25.8
20	Madhya Pradesh	52.5	54.7

S. No.	State/UT	NFHS 4 (2015-16)	NFHS 5 (2019-21)
21	Maharashtra	48	54.2
22	Manipur	26.4	29.4
23	Meghalaya	56.2	53.8
24	Mizoram	24.8	34.8
25	Nagaland	27.9	28.9
26	Odisha	51	64.3
27	Puducherry	52.4	55.1
28	Punjab	53.5	58.7
29	Rajasthan	46.8	54.4
30	Sikkim	34.9	42.1
31	Tamilnadu	55	53.4
32	Telangana	56.6	57.6
33	Tripura	54.5	67.2
34	Uttarakhand	45.2	42.6
35	Uttar Pradesh	52.4	50.4
36	West Bengal	62.5	71.4

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State wise details of funds released and utilized under Mission Poshan 2.0 Scheme from FY 2022-23 till FY 2024-25 are as follows:

S. No.	Name of the State	Amount in ₹ crores					
		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
		Funds released	Fund utilised	Funds released	Fund utilised	Funds released*	Fund utilised
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	3.85	3.88	12.15	Utilization Certificate not yet due	2.06	Still being utilized
2	Andhra Pradesh	827.79	721.45	705.68		145.75	
3	Arunachal Pradesh	137.78	145.74	162.06		7.47	
4	Assam	1651.63	1717.00	2233.31		370.14	
5	Bihar	1740.09	1586.61	1859.29		1358.19	
6	Chandigarh	33.10	34.33	19.79		12.08	
7	Chhattisgarh	668.96	571.80	579.46		386.80	
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	5.80	5.80	11.97		1.02	
9	Delhi	182.77	142.84	161.81		30.92	
10	Goa	14.71	16.83	13.95		9.75	
11	Gujarat	912.64	552.30	1126.80		188.86	
12	Haryana	195.25	150.24	225.78		177.77	
13	Himachal Pradesh	270.24	247.76	301.09		217.60	
14	Jammu & Kashmir	479.01	416.23	530.88		340.16	
15	Jharkhand	430.91	596.03	664.30		333.40	
16	Karnataka	765.87	885.65	912.96		624.78	
17	Kerala	444.98	325.43	306.64		214.75	
18	Ladakh	18.79	18.79	19.62		9.03	
19	Lakshadweep	0.44	0.44	2.88		1.07	
20	Madhya Pradesh	1011.57	1038.67	1123.11		1133.95	
21	Maharashtra	1646.17	1589.97	1699.52		867.90	
22	Manipur	135.95	167.74	201.28		136.50	
23	Meghalaya	192.39	200.24	269.69		80.28	
24	Mizoram	42.81	53.02	100.27		0.00	

S. No.	Name of the State	Amount in ₹ crores					
		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
		Funds released	Fund utilised	Funds released	Fund utilised	Funds released*	Fund utilised
25	Nagaland	199.30	190.47	262.91		109.84	
26	Odisha	923.92	884.96	968.80		665.91	
27	Puducherry	0.12	6.68	4.48		2.60	
28	Punjab	75.31	247.25	307.87		171.00	
29	Rajasthan	974.02	936.17	1091.96		656.86	
30	Sikkim	20.33	24.09	33.49		0.00	
31	Tamil Nadu	766.81	741.30	880.79		493.87	
32	Telangana	550.69	503.33	507.87		55.29	
33	Tripura	150.52	186.55	244.22		69.92	
34	Uttar Pradesh	2721.87	2622.64	2668.69		1767.11	
35	Uttarakhand	425.84	364.77	288.24		118.69	
36	West Bengal	1227.59	1455.89	1237.56		1266.17	

* funds released up to 20 November 2024

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SPIP Approvals and Expenditure for Nutrition Programmes under National Health Mission (NHM) for the period from F.Y. 2022-23 till FY 2024-25 (Q2) (Amount in Lakhs)

S.no	State/UT	2022-23		2023-24		2024-25 (up to Q2)	
		App	Exp	App	Exp	App	Exp
1	A&N Island	36.1	7.7	71.7	11.1	47.8	12.7
2	Andhra	10237.6	3668.4	10,069.8	8,107.0	9,061.9	786.8
3	Arunachal	259.8	229.6	268.8	2.4	442.0	50.3
4	Assam	3327.8	2786.6	3,045.5	2,350.5	2,996.4	486.1
5	Bihar	11984.5	1992.2	11,943.3	3,192.7	10,459.9	1,161.0
6	Chandigarh	1.2	0.1	1.2	0.7	1.4	0.2
7	Chhattisgarh	3681.0	3328.0	3,517.7	1,728.4	3,722.8	397.7
8	DNH-DD	29.1	11.7	27.7	4.9	99.8	9.6
9	Delhi	862.8	26.5	850.7	49.2	1,219.5	34.6
10	Goa	159.5	60.3	159.5	39.9	83.3	1.5
11	Gujarat	4759.5	2467.5	4,383.8	4,361.1	6,226.1	714.9
12	Haryana	2283.2	2770.2	2,326.2	2,592.2	2,163.9	2,350.3
13	Himachal	506.8	214.9	268.1	199.8	1,096.4	43.7
14	J&K	1192.2	551.3	1,332.2	81.8	1,304.4	46.3
15	Jharkhand	8578.4	3593.0	7,943.5	2,007.9	8,541.1	602.6
16	Karnataka	4597.8	618.7	5,196.2	1,408.6	1,280.8	49.5
17	Kerala	3347.8	1266.3	3,087.8	370.8	2,274.6	418.3
18	Ladakh	52.5	14.2	32.9	15.4	56.9	4.3
19	Lakshadweep	8.5	5.5	6.3	2.5	7.2	0.2
20	MP	15453.0	9289.7	20,025.9	9,240.5	13,507.1	1,696.5
21	Maharashtra	10497.6	3211.9	10,599.7	3,527.5	10,752.1	3,284.7

22	Manipur	281.1	63.1	275.1	48.3	870.7	85.4
23	Meghalaya	690.2	463.2	713.0	80.7	713.8	42.5
24	Mizoram	238.3	30.3	187.9	89.8	220.5	29.8
25	Nagaland	350.8	32.1	522.8	59.8	386.3	75.7
26	Odisha	4844.1	1328.6	3,889.4	2,154.5	2,958.8	1,301.3
27	Puducherry	259.2	113.1	288.2	33.3	128.4	18.7
28	Punjab	1351.7	187.6	1,320.0	1,320.0	2,265.3	42.9
29	Rajasthan	6303.7	2036.4	5,919.4	2,051.3	8,665.1	112.5
30	Sikkim	85.6	57.1	71.7	56.3	70.1	25.6
31	TN	2309.2	903.7	2,305.2	1,486.2	932.8	760.5
32	Telangana	3741.5	4819.7	3,687.7	325.5	4,242.6	0.0
33	Tripura	894.5	167.4	939.3	766.5	762.3	83.5
34	UP	20060.2	2213.6	39,441.5	11,311.1	16,904.1	864.6
35	UK	1866.5	384.2	2,005.5	472.9	1,844.9	348.4
36	West Bengal	3877.8	2470.0	4,081.9	3,034.8	5,656.3	795.0

- (a) SPIP Approval and Expenditure is as per the available Financial Management Reports submitted by State/UTs and are provisional.
- (b) Expenditure includes Expenditure against Central Release, Corresponding State share release & unspent balances at the beginning of the year.
- (c) Expenditure for FY 2024-25 includes expenditure against central Release, State release & unspent balances at the beginning of the year. The expenditure w.r.t. flexible pool for RCH, etc. is updated up-to 30.09.2024 except Arunachal Pradesh, PJ (updated up-to 31.08.2024), KN, MZ (updated up-to 31.07.2024) & MG (updated up-to 30.06.2024).
- (d) App-Approvals, Exp-Expenditure
