

Seventeenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Demand to take steps to raise the India's position in global Hunger Index.

SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL (JAYNAGAR): Sir, India has been witnessing a continuous declining in its position in Global Hunger Index. In the previous years, the Government claimed that wrong old data has been uploaded and this year the blame has been shifted to wrong methodology. Instead of accepting the harsh reality and working on the problem, the Government, as it always does, is opting an escapist route.

Sir, coming to the data provided by the Ministry of Child Development and Women Empowerment through an RTI, 3.3 million children are malnourished in India. The National Family Health Survey Report published in 2020 by the Government depicts a grim portrait as well. On the one hand, data of several States was not published and, on the other hand, 11 out of 27 States performed worse than expected.

I would also like to point out that most of the figures focus on women and children of the country. The adult male population is neglected. Just imagine the scale at which India is suffering from hunger even after the fact that nearly half of the population is in the agricultural sector.

Here, I would like to take the opportunity to state the steps taken by our hon. Chief Minister Mamata Bandopadhyay. Due to her sincere efforts, every household is receiving ration under 'Duare Ration Scheme' which does not limit its reach to children and women as

POSHAN Abhiyan Scheme does and every person is assured of a plate of highly nutritious cooked food at a mere amount of Rs.5/-.

I would like to conclude by requesting the Government to stop wasting time by finding baseless faults and focus on the real development.