

Title: Regarding measures for prevention of anaemia among women in the country particularly in Odisha-Laid.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): I want to bring to the notice of the Government the prevalence of anaemia among women in Odisha. The majority of States and Union Territories saw an increase in anaemia among women and children during the past five years, according to NFHS data. In comparison to the national average, the percentage of anaemic women aged 15 to 49 increased by around 4 percentage points, or from 53.1% in NFHS 4 to 57% in NFHS 5. When these figures were taken into account for Odisha, the figures increased significantly. During NFHS-4 to NFHS-5, the State saw a rise of almost 13 percentage points, or from 51% to 64.3%. In order to understand the particular problems affecting the effectiveness of the Central Government's programmes for anaemia prevention in Odisha. I implore the Government to conduct a thorough study. To control these raging rates, the Government must develop a comprehensive plan for the prevention of anaemia in the country, taking into account the ever-rising rates, the Scheme's bottlenecks, the impact of the plan on its results, and the phase-out of redressal mechanisms.