

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2144
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2025

NATIONAL NUTRITION MISSION – POSHAN ABHIYAAN

2144. SHRI TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of reduction in malnutrition rates among children under age five as measured by the National Family Health Survey-6, State-wise;
- (b) the current status of monitoring of the scheme as well as the policy directives received from the National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges constituted under Poshan Abhiyaan; and
- (c) the details of the effectiveness of the Poshan tracker application in enabling the collection of real-time data and intervention?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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(a) The data of Sixth round of National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6) is yet to be published. The percentage of malnutrition among children under age 5 years State/UTs wise as per June 2025 data of Poshan Tracker is placed at Annexure.

(b) & (c) Poshan Abhiyaan was launched in March 2018 to achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children from 0-6 years, Adolescent Girls, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers by adopting a synergised and result oriented approach.

Under the 15th Finance Commission, Poshan Abhiyaan has been re-aligned as part of Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, an integrated nutrition support programme that seeks to strengthen nutritional content, delivery, outreach and outcomes with focus on developing practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity from malnutrition. This Mission is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented across all States/UTs.

The 'Poshan Tracker' application, launched on 1st March 2021, acts as a key governance tool under Mission Poshan 2.0 to facilitate real-time monitoring of infrastructure and service delivery at Anganwadi Centers (AWCs). It captures data on daily attendance, Early Childhood Care Education (ECCE) activities, growth measurements, and the provision of Hot Cooked Meal (HCM) and Take-Home Ration (THR). The Tracker also enables dynamic identification of stunting, wasting, and underweight prevalence, improving program effectiveness through data-based decision-making.

Beneficiaries receive SMS alerts, and the recently introduced Facial Recognition System (FRS) ensures last-mile tracking and transparency in THR distribution.

To strengthen on-ground implementation, a supportive supervision module has been launched for supervisors to monitor the working of Anganwadi centres under them. Dashboards with heat maps and analytics are available at block, district, state, and national levels. These tools support timely decision-making, allow targeted interventions, and highlight data anomalies for correction.

In addition to digital systems, other monitoring mechanism include regular reviews and consultations such as Chintan Shivir, zonal meetings, APIP meetings, video conferences, and field visits by officials are conducted from time to time to assess and improve implementation. Training workshops and on-ground support by Block and District Coordinators further reinforce the monitoring and accountability framework under Mission Poshan 2.0.

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA QUESTION NO. 2144 FOR 01.08.2025 REGARDING “NATIONAL NUTRITION MISSION- POSHAN ABHIYAAN” ASKED BY SHRI TEJASVI SURYA

The details of percentage of malnutrition among children under age 5 years State/UTs wise as per June 2025 data of Poshan Tracker are as follows:

S. No.	State	Stunting%	Wasting%	Underweight%
1	Andhra Pradesh	18.43	4.97	7.68
2	Arunachal Pradesh	38.38	5.18	11.65
3	Assam	42.94	4.50	16.88
4	Bihar	42.68	9.31	20.98
5	Chhattisgarh	27.10	7.77	14.23
6	Goa	6.18	0.78	1.96
7	Gujarat	32.72	7.28	18.41
8	Haryana	23.41	3.83	7.85
9	Himachal Pradesh	19.68	2.41	6.88
10	Jharkhand	43.26	6.68	19.13
11	Karnataka	39.05	3.18	16.50
12	Kerala	35.75	3.20	10.18
13	Madhya Pradesh	42.09	8.19	24.82
14	Maharashtra	39.68	4.01	14.80
15	Manipur	9.27	0.67	2.69
16	Meghalaya	20.73	1.11	5.14
17	Mizoram	27.33	2.98	6.33
18	Nagaland	28.91	6.08	7.00
19	Odisha	27.91	3.21	11.63
20	Punjab	17.14	2.95	5.12
21	Rajasthan	36.10	6.49	17.57
22	Sikkim	7.89	1.95	1.69
23	Tamil Nadu	14.23	3.54	6.29
24	Telangana	36.24	5.93	17.00
25	Tripura	41.52	7.68	18.01
26	Uttar Pradesh	48.83	5.04	19.96
27	Uttarakhand	23.52	2.47	6.31
28	West Bengal	32.09	4.75	9.00
29	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	6.62	1.66	2.93
30	Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Daman & Diu	38.61	3.56	17.45
31	Delhi	30.63	3.81	15.35
32	J&K	15.94	1.55	4.05
33	Ladakh	12.28	0.25	1.98
34	Lakshadweep	44.83	11.62	22.54
35	Puducherry	40.88	6.40	12.20
36	UT-Chandigarh	22.27	5.34	14.69