

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. +784**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2024

**WOMEN SUFFERING FROM ANEMIA**

+784. SHRI SATPAL BRAHAMCHARI:

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

- (a) the number of women suffering from anemia and children suffering from malnutrition in the country, State-wise and district-wise in Haryana especially parliamentary constituency of Sonipat;
- (b) the details of the steps taken by Government to solve the above said problems; and
- (c) the details of the resources provided to the State in order to solve the above said issues?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

(a) and (b) Anemia Mukht Bharat (AMB) a flagship programme of Government of India under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW), launched in 2018, aims to reduce the prevalence of anemia through 6X6X6 strategy implemented among the six target beneficiaries-children 6-59 months, children 5-9 years, adolescents 10-19 years, women of reproductive age group, pregnant women and lactating mothers; through six interventions implemented via six institutional mechanisms for all stakeholders. The six interventions for AMB strategy include:

1. Prophylactic Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) supplementation to all six beneficiaries
2. Deworming
3. Intensified Behaviour Change Communication Campaign focusing on four key behaviours- improving compliance to IFA supplementation and deworming, appropriate infant and young child feeding practices, increase in intake of iron-rich food through diet diversity/quantity/frequency and/or fortified foods and ensuring delayed cord clamping in health facilities
4. Testing and treatment of anemia, using digital methods and point of care treatment,

5. Mandatory provision of Iron and Folic Acid fortified foods in government funded public health programmes.
6. Intensifying awareness, screening, and treatment of non-nutritional causes of anemia

Further, Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 (Mission Poshan 2.0), under Ministry of Women & Child Development is a flagship programme to address the challenge of malnutrition through improved nutrition content and delivery to beneficiaries in Anganwadis. Under the 15th Finance Commission, Anganwadi services, Poshan Abhiyaan and Scheme for Adolescent girls (14-18 years in Aspirational Districts and North-East region) have been subsumed under this umbrella Mission .

In 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 Malnourished (SAM)/Moderate Acute Malnourished (MAM) children and their wellness through AYUSH practices to reduce prevalence of wasting and being underweight besides stunting and anaemia.

Under this mission, 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 Mission Poshan 2.0, one of the major activities undertaken is Community Mobilization and Awareness Advocacy leading to Jan Andolan to educate the 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. To give high importance to issues around anaemia, dedicated anaemia related themes have been undertaken by Ministry of Women & Child Development under Poshan Abhiyaan. 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.

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

\* 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. 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 16.1 crores approximately. As per October 2024 data of Poshan Tracker, 8.82 crores children (0-6 years) are enrolled in Anganwadis out of whom 8.55 crores children were measured on growth parameters. 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 State wise details of malnourished children in the country are provided at **Annexure-I**. The district wise details of malnourished children in the State of Haryana including parliamentary constituency of Sonipat (Districts of Sonipat and Jind) is provided at **Annexure – II**.

Details of women suffering from anaemia are released under National Family Health Survey (NFHS), which is conducted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. As per National Family Health Survey 5 (2019-21), the prevalence of anaemia among all

women aged 15-49 years is 57 percent in the country. The State wise prevalence of anemia among all women aged 15-49 years is placed at **Annexure III**.

The district-wise prevalence of anemia among all women aged 15-49 years in Haryana including parliamentary constituency of Sonipat (Districts of Sonipat and Jind) is placed at **Annexure IV**.

(c) Details of resources made available to the State of Haryana under Mission Poshan 2.0 are provided at **Annexure – V**.

Further, as per Record of Proceedings (RoP) for the State of Haryana for FY 2024-25 provided by MoH&FW, the amount accorded for implementation of Anemia Mukh Bharat (AMB) program to the State of Haryana is Rs 1588.58 Lakhs.

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**ANNEXURE-I****ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA QUESTION NO. 784 FOR 29.11.2024 REGARDING “WOMEN SUFFERING FROM ANEMIA” ASKED BY SHRI. SATPAL BRAHAMCHARI**

The State wise details of malnourished children (0 - 5 years) enrolled in Anganwadis across the country are as follows\*:

State	Stunted %	Wasted %	Underweight %
Andhra Pradesh	22.6	5.3	10.8
Arunachal Pradesh	32.8	4.2	9.6
Assam	42.4	3.8	16.4
Bihar	43.8	9.2	22.9
Chhattisgarh	21.5	7	13.1
Goa	4.1	0.6	1.7
Gujarat	40.8	7.8	21
Haryana	28.2	4.1	8.7
Himachal Pradesh	18.4	1.7	6.3
Jharkhand	43.8	6.2	19.3
Karnataka	39.7	3.2	17.1
Kerala	34.4	2.3	9.5
Madhya Pradesh	46.5	7	26.5
Maharashtra	47.7	4.1	16.5
Manipur	7.7	0.3	2.6
Meghalaya	18.2	0.4	4.5
Mizoram	26.7	2.3	5.9
Nagaland	28	5.3	6.6
Odisha	29.1	2.9	12.8
Punjab	18.4	3	5.9
Rajasthan	36.6	5.5	17.7
Sikkim	9.2	1.5	1.7
Tamil Nadu	13.4	3.6	7.1

Telangana	32.6	5.6	16.2
Tripura	40.5	6.3	16.6
Uttar Pradesh	48	3.9	19.4
Uttarakhand	21	1.5	5.4
West Bengal	38	7.5	13
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	8.7	2.3	3.9
Dadra & Nagar Haveli - Daman & Diu	35.9	3.4	16.1
Delhi	41.9	3	20.6
J&K	12.1	0.7	3
Ladakh	11	0.2	2
Lakshadweep	46.5	11.9	25.1
Puducherry	40.2	6.8	13
UT-Chandigarh	26.3	1.8	11.9

\* Data is for the month of October 2024 from Poshan Tracker

**Annexure-II****ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA QUESTION NO. 784 FOR 29.11.2024 REGARDING “WOMEN SUFFERING FROM ANEMIA” ASKED BY SHRI SATPAL BRAHAMCHARI**

The district wise details of malnourished children (0 – 5 years) enrolled in Anganwadis in the State of Haryana including parliamentary constituency of Sonipat (Districts of Sonipat and Jind) are as follows\*:

<b>District</b>	<b>Stunted (%)</b>	<b>Wasted (%)</b>	<b>Underweight (%)</b>
Ambala	31.52	5.70	9.25
Bhiwani	21.04	2.62	5.58
Charkhi Dadri	7.41	0.81	2.06
Faridabad	24.34	2.58	7.07
Fatehabad	32.97	6.26	10.47
Gurugram	23.20	2.63	5.76
Hisar	33.01	4.01	9.31
Jhajjar	26.10	1.05	4.44
Jind	34.37	6.43	11.16
Kaithal	27.35	7.82	11.01
Karnal	28.26	5.55	10.32
Kurukshetra	28.94	4.54	10.64
Mahendragarh	32.81	3.07	10.42
Nuh	23.08	2.67	7.91
Palwal	46.06	7.30	17.43
Panchkula	25.77	2.18	7.30
Panipat	33.39	5.53	8.99
Rewari	27.00	3.34	8.23
Rohtak	29.17	3.22	5.82
Sirsa	34.46	4.44	11.79
Sonipat	11.75	1.52	2.50
Yamunanagar	32.02	6.06	11.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>28.21</b>	<b>4.13</b>	<b>8.70</b>

\* Data is for the month of October 2024 from Poshan Tracker

**ANNEXURE-III****ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO. 784 FOR 29.11.2024 REGARDING “WOMEN SUFFERING FROM ANEMIA” ASKED BY SHRI SATPAL BRAHAMCHARI**

State-wise Prevalence of Anemia among Women aged 15-49 years in the Country  
(Source: NFHS 2019-21)

<b>State/UT</b>	<b>All women age 15-49 years who are anaemic (%)</b>
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	57.5
Andhra Pradesh	58.8
Arunachal Pradesh	40.3
Assam	65.9
Bihar	63.5
Chandigarh	60.3
Chhattisgarh	60.8
DNH& DD	62.5
Goa	39.0
Gujarat	65.0
Haryana	60.4
Himachal Pradesh	53.0
Jammu & Kashmir	65.9
Jharkhand	65.3
Karnataka	47.8
Kerala	36.3
Ladakh	92.8
Lakshadweep	25.8
Madhya Pradesh	54.7
Maharashtra	54.2
Manipur	29.4
Meghalaya	53.8
Mizoram	34.8



Nagaland	28.9
NCT Of Delhi	49.9
Odisha	64.3
Puducherry	55.1
Punjab	58.7
Rajasthan	54.4
Sikkim	42.1
Tamil Nadu	53.4
Telangana	57.6
Tripura	67.2
Uttar Pradesh	50.4
Uttarakhand	42.6
West Bengal	71.4

**Annexure-IV****ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO. 784 FOR 29.11.2024 REGARDING “WOMEN SUFFERING FROM ANEMIA” ASKED BY SHRI SATPAL BRAHAMCHARI**

District-wise Prevalence of Anemia among Women aged 15-49 years in the State of Haryana including parliamentary constituency of Sonipat (Districts of Sonipat and Jind) (Source: Haryana State Report, NFHS 2019-21)

<b>Name of District</b>	<b>Percentage of anemia in women aged 15-49 years (%)</b>
Ambala	46.1
Bhiwani	66.4
Charkhi Dadri	72.6
Faridabad	54.2
Fatehabad	62.3
Gurgaon	67.5
Hisar	63.8
Jhajjar	60.1
Jind	59.6
Kaithal	61.5
Karnal	61.9
Kurukshetra	57.1
Mahendragarh	61.2
Mewat	60.6
Palwal	57.2
Panchkula	57.1
Panipat	66.9
Rewari	61.8
Rohtak	65.3
Sirsa	61.9
Sonipat	53.3
Yamunanagar	56.6

**Annexure - V**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA QUESTION NO. 784 FOR 29.11.2024 REGARDING “WOMEN SUFFERING FROM ANEMIA” ASKED BY SHRI SATPAL BRAHAMCHARI**

The total funds released to the State of Haryana, under Mission Poshan 2.0, are as follows:

<b>Funds</b>	<b>Released (in crore)</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	<b>173.03</b>
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>195.25</b>
<b>2023-24</b>	<b>225.78</b>
<b>2024-25</b>	<b>177.77*</b>

\* funds released up to 20 November 2024

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