

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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MALNUTRITION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any conference in regard to malnutrition has been organized recently in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to take any measures to over-come the problem of malnutrition in the poor sections of the society;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has no information about such a conference being held in Bihar recently.

(c) & (d) Government has adopted various measures to improve the malnutrition status of the population which are as follows:-

1. Availability of essential food items at subsidised cost through Public Distribution System.
2. Improving the purchasing power of the people through income generating schemes.
3. Nutrition education to increase the awareness and bringing about the desired changes in the feeding practices including promotion of breast feeding.
4. Supplementary Feeding Programme such as:
 - i) Integrated Child Development Services.
 - ii) Special Nutrition Programme (SNP)
 - iii) Balwadi Nutrition Programme (BNP)
 - iv) Wheat Based Supplementary Nutrition Programme.
 - v) Mid Day Meal Programme.

In addition to above Programmes for Prevention of specific Micronutrient deficiencies are being undertaken; these are:-

- i) National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme.
- ii) National Nutrition Anaemia Control Programme and programme to prevent Vitamin A deficiency, which are both under the Reproductive Child Health Scheme.
- iii) A Pilot Project against Micronutrient deficiencies.

(e) Does not arise.