

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2748  
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SURVEY CONDUCTED BY NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NUTRITION  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Institute of Nutrition has made any survey at the village level regarding availability of health services to the rural poor;
- (b) if so, whether any report of the above survey has been sent to the Union Government; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken on the basis of the above survey?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a):No, Sir. However, as per the recommendations of the National Nutrition Policy (NNP-1993) and at the request of Department of Women & Child Development, Government of India, NIN developed a Nutrition Surveillance System in the State of Andhra Pradesh using existing Integrated Child Development System (ICDS) infrastructure during the year 1996-98. Triple-A approach i.e. assessment of the problem, analysis of the reasons and action taken was given importance in the surveillance system. Information on several impact and process indicators including analysis of the reasons and action implemented showed considerable improvement in most of the indicators indicating feasibility and soundness of the approach. A National Workshop recommended that there is a need to establish similar Nutrition Surveillance System (NSS) in other States of the country. A training module was developed and sent for comments to Department of Women & Child Development, Government of India which would be useful to train the functionaries in the development of the NSS in other States.

(b):Yes, Sir. The Technical Report was submitted to the Department of Women & Child Development, Government of India and also to Department of Women & Child Development, Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(c ):Department of Women & Child Development, Government of India extended this project to five States viz. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Meghalaya.