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Title: Need to formulate programmes for tackling child malnutrition based on latest malnutrition figures.

SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA (AMBALA): I would like to bring to the kind notice of the hon. Health Minister that hon. Prime Minister has vowed that child malnutrition would be tackled on a mission mode. But for the last 8 to 9 years, the policy-making was dependent on malnutrition data from 2005-2006 with the data from the rapid survey on children carried out by UNICEF and the Women and Child Development Ministry in 2013 is yet to be made available.

There is an urgent need to monitor nutrition figures for advocacy and scientific policy-making. There is an urgent need for comprehensive national survey on nutrition so that the problem of malnutrition can be solved. More than one lakh twenty two thousand children in India die every year due to malnutrition. In such a situation why not have the latest data on the subject in the country whereas other countries do have such National Surveys every three years?