

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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NUTRITION PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the impact of different nutrition programmes on children; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) & (b): The impact of schemes being implemented by the Government to improve the nutritional status of children is assessed through the consecutive National Family Health Surveys undertaken by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. According to the NFHS II and NFHS III figures, the percentage of underweight among children of age group 0-3 by following new WHO Growth standards is as follows :

NFHS-II NFHS-III

(1998-99) (2005-06)

42.7% 40.4%