

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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MALNUTRITION DEATHS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received information regarding death of children due to malnutrition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

- (a) The details of number of child deaths due to malnutrition are not being centrally maintained.
- (b) Question does not arise.

(c) The Government of India has been implementing a number of direct and indirect nutrition interventions for improving nutrition and health through the schemes such as reproductive and child health programme, National Iodine deficiency disorders control programme, immunization against preventable diseases, oral rehydration therapy for controlling diarrhoeal diseases, Food for Work Programme, Public distribution system for BPL population, Integrated Child Development Services scheme, Nutritional Component of Prime Minister Gram Udyoy Yojana, Nutrition programme for adolescent girls in 51 districts and National Nutrition Mission etc.

In addition to the above, various poverty alleviation, Supply of Safe Drinking Water; and Sanitation Programmes of Ministries of Urban and Rural Development contribute to improving nutritional status of Children and thus reducing the risk of deaths due to Malnutrition.