

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ANAEMIA AMONG WOMEN AND CHILDREN

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

- (a) whether as per the National Family Health Survey-3 (NFHS-3) there has been a rise in the cases of anaemia in men and women and particularly in the pregnant women and children aged less than 3 years in the rural and urban areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the number of persons suffering and also died of anaemia during the last three years and the current year, genderwise and State/UT-wise;
- (d) the total amount spent on the National Nutritional Anaemia programme during each of the last three year and the current year; and
- (e) the targets achieved by the Government thereunder and further steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check anaemia and create awareness about it particularly among women?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (e) As per the report of National Family Health Survey-3 (NFHS-3) (2005-06), the prevalence of anaemia in men, women, pregnant women and children aged 6-35 months has shown a rise when compared to the prevalence reported in NFHS-2 (1998-99). Details are at Annexure-I.

State-wise details are at Annexure II and III.

Data on the number of deaths due to anaemia is not available at national level.

Under the Reproductive & Child Health Programme, within the umbrella of the National Rural Health Mission, prevention and treatment of anaemia with Iron Folic Acid (IFA) tablets in all pregnant and lactating women and children from 6 months to 10 years is an important intervention. Iron Folic Acid (IFA) in the form of tablets and liquid formulation are being supplied by the Government of India in RCH Kit A and are distributed through the sub-centres and through out-reach activities at Village Health and Nutrition Days. These are also available at other health facilities like PHCs, CHCs and district hospitals. These activities are undertaken under the RCH-II Programme. Details of expenditure for this specific purpose is not available.

Nutrition education and counseling of pregnant and lactating women during ante-natal and post-natal care visits, is also undertaken under the Information Education Communication (IEC)/Behavior Change Communication (BCC) strategy of NRHM.