

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:60
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NUTRITIONAL STATUS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the ranking accorded to India in the Global Hunger Index brought out by the United Nations World Food Programme;
- (b) the situation of hunger/undernourishment in different States as per the said report, State-wise; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken/programmes launched by the Government to ensure adequate nutrition especially to children?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b) & (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.60 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 07.07.2009 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) As informed by World Food Programme (India), no report on Global Hunger Index has been prepared by them. However, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), New Delhi has brought out a Global Hunger Index (GHI) Report in 2008. In this report India is ranked 66th.

(b) International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Report, 2008 indicates ranking of 17 States in the Country. A state-wise statement showing the India State Hunger Index ranking is at Annexe-I.

(c) The IFPRI Report, 2008 is based on 3 factors viz. proportion of undernourished population, prevalence of under-weight in children under-5 years of age and mortality rate among them.

In order to improve nutritional status of the people, Government is implementing various schemes. Government allocates foodgrains at subsidized prices to states and UTs under TPDS for Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families @ 35kg/family/month. Allocations for APL category are also made at subsidized prices depending upon their availability in the Central Pool.

Ministry of Women & Child Development implements Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) which aims at improving the nutrition and health status of pre-school children in age group of 0-6 years as also pregnant women and nursing mothers. Ministry of Human Resource Development implements mid-day-meal scheme for primary and upper primary school children in government, government-aided and local body schools in the country.