

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

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MALNUTRITION AMONGST TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of children suffering from malnutrition is more in the tribal category than in the general category; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) & (b): As per the National Family Health Survey-3 2005-06, the percentage of underweight children below 5 years among scheduled tribes is 54.5% as against the National average of 42.5% for all category of children. The State-wise details of underweight children below 5 years in the country as well in Scheduled tribes is Annexed.