

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ANAEMIA AND MALNOURISHMENT AMONG YOUTHS MOTHERS

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

(a) whether there is high incidence of anaemia and malnourishment among youth mothers with little or no access to child planning especially in the rural areas of our country compared to urban areas;

(b) if so, the comparative details thereof in each State in the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) the funds allocated and utilised during the said period, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): As per the report of the National Family Health Survey-3 (NFHS-3) (2005-06), 55.3% of women in the age group of 15-49 years suffer from anemia. The same survey says that 35.6% of women 15-49 years are malnourished. More women are malnourished in rural areas (40.6%) than in the urban areas (25.0%). The prevalence of anemia in women in rural areas is 57.4% and in urban areas, it is 50.9%.

Comparative details of anaemia and malnourishment in rural and urban areas of different States during the Eleventh Five Year Plan are not available. However, State-wise prevalence of anaemia in women and their nutritional status as per the data available from National Family Health Survey III (NFHS-3) are at Annexure- I.

Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and within its umbrella, the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) programme, flexibility has been given to the states to plan and implement activities as per their requirements. The focus of NRHM is on providing healthcare services in the rural areas. Under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme Flexible-pool, funds for various health interventions, which include prevention and management of anaemia and severe acute malnutrition, are allocated and released to the states. A total amount of Rs.754.27 crores has been allocated under this flexible-pool to the state of Andhra Pradesh during the period 2007-08 to 2010-11. The state has spent Rs.529.29 crores during the period April 2007 to September 2010. State-wise details are at Annexure-II.

As per information received from the Ministry of Women and Child Development, during the same period i.e. 2007-08 to 2010-11, an amount of Rs. 800.03 crores has been released to the state of Andhra Pradesh under the Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) of that Ministry. The state has spent Rs. 1187.36 crores including the state contribution up to March 2010. State wise details are at Annexure-III.