

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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DEFICIENCY OF PROTEINS IN CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether one child is dying in every minute in the country due to the deficiency of proteins;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the children in the age group of 4-6 years get only 16 per cent of Vitamin A, 35 per cent of iron contents and 45 per cent of Calcium;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the remedial measures taken by the Government for the improvement in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIGHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (d): As per the National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB) Diet and Nutrition status survey report, 2006, conducted in 9 states by Indian Council of Medical Research, no children below age 5 years revealed the problem of kwashiorkor, which is the clinical manifestation of protein deficiency.

Further the median intake of Vitamin A, Iron and Calcium in the age group 4-6 years was 66 micrograms, 6.8 mg. and 202 mg, respectively which were 16.5%, 37.7% and 50% of the Recommended Daily Allowance (RDA).

(e) Government has taken various measures to improve the health & nutrition status of vulnerable population including children. The brief details are annexed.