

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FACILITIES TO SAVE THE MALNOURISHED CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of wards and hospitals equipped with special facilities to save the malnourished children from dying in the country;
- (b) whether opinion of specialists has been sought by the Government to save malnourished children;
- (c) whether the Government has made any assessment in the country regarding the ratio of malnourished children in rural areas in comparison to urban areas; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to improve this situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

- (a) The State-wise details of hospitals equipped with special facilities (Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres) for management of the severely malnourished sick children is given in the Annexure 1.
- (b) Yes. Wide consultation of the expert group of leading professionals including specialists from the Medical colleges has been done by this Ministry for preparation of treatment guidelines along with Operational Guidelines for management of Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres.
- (c) The National Family Health Surveys conducted across the states of the country have estimated the proportion of malnourished children in rural and urban population. The Rural-Urban distribution of Malnutrition in India as per NFSH-III (2005-06) has been given in Annexure 2.
- (d) The following measures have been taken to improve the health and nutritional status of children:
 - 1. Reproductive Child Health Programme under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) includes:
 - # Emphasis on appropriate Infant and Young Child Feeding
 - # Treatment of severe acute malnutrition through Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) set up at public health facilities.
 - # Specific Programme to prevent and combat micronutrient deficiencies of Vitamin A, Iron & Folic Acid. Vitamin A supplementation for children till the age of 5 years, Iron & Folic Acid syrup to children from the age of 6 months to 5 years, Iron & Folic Acid supplementation to pregnant and lactating women also.
 - 2. National Iodine Deficiency Disorder Control Programme (NIDDCP) is implemented for promotion of consumption of iodated salt at household level.
 - 3. Nutrition Education to increase awareness and bring about desired changes in the dietary practices including the promotion of breast feeding and dietary diversification is encouraged under both Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS) and National Rural Health Mission (HM).
 - 4. Other schemes targeting improvement of nutritional status are as under:
 - (a) Integrated Child Development Services Schemes (ICDS).
 - (b) Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (RGSEAG)- (SABLA).
 - (c) Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY).
 - (d) National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid Day Meal Programme).

(e) Improving the purchasing power of the people through various income generating schemes including Mahatma Gnadhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

(f) Availability of essential food items at subsidized cost through Targeted Public Distribution System.