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STUDY ON MALNUTRITION UNDER NUTRITION

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

- (a) whether the data available on malnutrition and under-nutrition of children has not been updated for the past several years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to conduct a survey to update the data on malnutrition and under-nutrition in the country to facilitate better informed policy making and interventions; and
- (d) if so, the time by which such survey is likely to be completed and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b) National Family Health Survey (NFHS) was carried out in 1992-93, 1998-99 and 2005-06 and the reports provide data on prevalence of under-nutrition in children.

National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB) of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) also carries out periodic surveys regularly on 'Diet & Nutritional status of population' in the country and the reports provide data on prevalence of under nutrition in children. The Bureau has recently carried out the study on 'Diet and Nutritional status of rural population' during 2010-12.

(c) & (d) As per information available, in the current District Level Household Survey (DLHS) and Annual Health Survey (AHS) a component on clinical, anthropometric and bio- chemical tests has been included to inter alia provide estimates on malnutrition/under nutrition among children. It is generally experienced that the whole process of data collection and preparing reports takes about a year.

NNMB has currently initiated the study on 'Diet and Nutritional status of urban population' in the country.