

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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GLOBAL HUNGER INDEX
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the recent Global Hunger Index regarding food security situation in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) whether only a marginal progress has been made in reduction/elimination of hunger in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the response of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the fresh steps being taken by the Government to eliminate hunger from the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (d): The Global Hunger Index(GHI) Report, 2014 ranks India 55 out of 120 countries. The calculation of hunger in this report is based on a 100-point scale on which zero is the best score (no hunger) and 100 the worst.

As per the report of GHI, India has made progress in its ranking from 63rd in 2013 to 55th in 2014

The Government of India has accorded high priority to the issue of hunger and malnutrition in the country and is implementing several schemes/ programmes through State Governments/UT Administrations to improve food security situation in the country. These include Targeted Public Distribution System(TPDS), Wheat Based Nutrition Programme (WBNP) for providing Supplementary Nutrition, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme for pre- school children and pregnant and lactating mothers through the Ministry of Women and Child Development, National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) through Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Mid-Day-Meal Scheme (MDM) for primary and upper primary children through Ministry of Human Resource Development, Annapurna Scheme for the senior citizens, Nutritional Programme for Adolescent Girls, Emergency Feeding Programme, etc. Apart from these schemes, the Government is also implementing the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 to provide food security to the population.