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Title: Need to raise immunization level and check rising anemia cases among the children in the country.

MS. INGRID MCLEOD (NOMINATED): The Latest National Family and Health Survey (NFHS) published this year reveals very poor health care of the children in India.

First, the immunization levels of our children are alarmingly low. Out of the 19 states data in respect of which have been published, only 60% children are fully immunized and in eight states the proportion of immunized children works out to less than half. The same survey also reveals that 75% of infants in the age group 6-35 months are malnourished and anemic. Among all children up to 3 years of age, over 1/3rd have stunted growth. Two out of 5 children are underweight. Chattisgarh, my home State, has highest number of underweight children.

Sir, children are invaluable human resources, so I request the Government to pay special attention to the problems of their health care and take appropriate measures to ensure that they may grow up to be healthy, free from disease and disability.