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Title: Regarding Global Hunger Index and Food security -laid.

SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI (BARRACKPUR): It is highly disappointing to note that, India ranks at a dismal 103 in the Global Hunger Index (with score 31.1) out of the 119 countries surveyed. Global Hunger Index (GHI) prepares the ranking on the basis of four indicators; Undernourishment, Child Wasting, Child Stunting and Child Mortality.

India has high levels of child wasting at 21 %. Child wasting refers to children having an extremely low weight for their height, which also points to acute under-nutrition. Reportedly, this was worse than the previous years. It was 17.1% in 2000, which has now increased to 21% in 18 years. India also has the highest number of stunted children (46.6 million) as per Global Nutrition Report 2018.

Food security in India is clearly alarming. India's 2018 GHI ranking points at a situation fraught with despair. Therefore, I urge the Government to look into the matter.

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