

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3022
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2019

ACHIEVEMENTS OF NATIONAL NUTRITION MISSION

3022. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently approved the launch of National Nutrition Mission with the targets/ achievements to reduce malnutrition and low birth weight to 2 percent each year;
- (b) if so, the details of the targets so achieved till February, 2019;
- (c) the total fund allocated for the mission during the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government has identified the districts in the country where this mission needs immediate attention; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the number of districts of the country covered or are likely to be covered under the mission till 2019-20?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (b) : Government is implementing the POSHAN Abhiyaan since 18th December, 2017 to address the problem of malnutrition in the country. The goal of POSHAN Abhiyaan is to achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children (0-6 years) and Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers (PW&LM) in a time bound manner in three years period beginning 2017-18 with fixed targets as under:

S.No	Objective	Target
1.	Prevent and reduce Stunting in children (0- 6 years)	By 6% @ 2% p.a.
2.	Prevent and reduce under-nutrition (underweight prevalence) in children (0-6 years)	By 6% @ 2% p.a.
3.	Reduce the prevalence of anemia among young Children(6-59 months)	By 9% @ 3% p.a.
4.	Reduce the prevalence of anemia among Women and Adolescent Girls in the age group of 15-49 years.	By 9% @ 3% p.a.
5.	Reduce Low Birth Weight (LBW).	By 6% @ 2% p.a.

The results of the POSHAN Abhiyaan can be known after the programme has completed its approved period. However, in the meantime, as per the report of Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey (CNNS) conducted by UNICEF, prevalence of stunting, wasting and underweight among children is 34.7%, 17% and 33.4% respectively, which is an improvement and reduction from the levels reported in National Family Health Survey-4.

(c) Fund allocation under POSHAN Abhiyaan is ₹ 950.00 crore, ₹ 3061.30 crore and ₹ 3400.00 crore in year 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively.

(d) & (e) All districts of the country are covered in the POSHAN Abhiyaan.
