

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1116
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2020

MULTI-SECTORAL NUTRITION PROGRAMME

1116. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

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

- (a) whether the multi-sectoral nutritional programme launched by the Government to address the maternal and child undernutrition has achieved the desired goals,
- (b) if so, the detailed status of the said programme along with the districts covered across the country thereunder, State/UT-wise including Odisha;
- (c) the funds spent by the Government for the implementation of the programme and the resultant outcome with regard to its effectiveness in preventing and reducing child undernutrition, under-weight prevalent in children; and
- (d) the details of the States and districts where Nutrition Councils have been constituted so far?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) The Multi-sectoral Nutrition programme to address Maternal and Child undernutrition in 200 high-burden districts for prevention and reduction in child under nutrition (underweight prevalence in children under 3 years of age) and reduction in levels of anaemia among young children, adolescent girls and women had been launched in January, 2014. The Multi-sectoral Nutrition Programme could not be implemented. However, the Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition (POSHAN) Abhiyaan was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 08.03.2018 to achieve improvement in nutritional status of children from 0-6 years, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers in a time bound manner.

Further, National Council on India's Nutritional Challenges has been set up under the Chairpersonship of Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog, to provide policy directions to address India's nutritional challenges through coordinated inter-sectoral action and review programmes for nutrition on a quarterly basis. Also, an Executive Committee has been set up under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, MWCD with representation of line Ministries and States for nutrition related activities for children and women providing direction, policy and guidelines for implementation of various programmes/schemes under the POSHAN Abhiyaan.
