

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.769
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.06.2019

DISTRIBUTION OF FORTIFIED RATION

769. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

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

- (a) the States which have started disbursing fortified ration and the details of people who were provided rations, district-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether this plan is proposed to be expanded to other districts as well and if so, the roadmap thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether an assessment was made regarding nutrition requirement for children;
- (d) whether the nutrition requirements were found to be same across all children and if so, the details thereof and if not, the basis for standardizing requirements, if any; and
- (e) the details of report of assessment of its impact on food subsidy budget?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (e): As per the information received from Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Department of Food & Public Distribution has approved the "Centrally Sponsored Pilot Scheme on Fortification of Rice & its distribution through Public Distribution System". Financial Assistance up to 90% in case of North-Eastern, Hilly and Island States and upto 75% in case of rest of the States has been extended. Further, Government of India has also advised all States/UTs especially those States/UTs that are distributing wheat flour through Public Distribution System (PDS), to distribute fortified wheat flour through PDS. The details of the States/UTs disbursing fortified ration through PDS is Annexed.

The Nutrient requirements and recommended dietary allowances (RDAs) for all age groups of the population including children are set and revised periodically by the National Institute of Nutrition - Indian Council of Medical Research.

The requirement of nutrients in children varies with the age, gender and nutritional status of the children. The RDAs for Indian population are finalized by National Institute of Nutrition – Indian Council of Medical Research (NIN-ICMR) based on the recommendations of the Expert Group, based on individual variability and nutrient bioavailability from the habitual diet.

Statement referred in reply to part (a) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 769 for answer on 27.06.2019.

| S.No | States/UTs | Status of disbursing fortified ration under PDS |
|------|---------------------------|--|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | DFS (4 Districts) |
| 2 | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | Fortified Wheat flour (All) |
| 3 | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | DFS(All) |
| 4 | Gujarat | Fortified EdibleOil(All) |
| 5 | Himachal Pradesh | Fortified Edible Oil(All) |
| 6 | Karnataka | Fortified Rice (1 District-Yadgir) |
| 7 | Madhya Pradesh | DFS(20 Districts-Alirajpur, Dindori, Anuppur, Betul, Dhar, Balaghat, Ratlam, Barwani, Mandla, Khargone, Chhindwara, Shahdol, Seoni, Jhabua, Sheopur, Hoshangabad, Burhanpur, Khandwa, Sidhi, Umaria) |
| 8 | Maharashtra | Fortified Rice(1 District-Gadchiroli) |
| 9 | Rajasthan | Fortified Edible Oil(All) |
| 10 | Tamil Nadu | DFS(All) |
| 11 | Uttar Pradesh | DFS (10 Districts-Meerut, Moradabad, Farrukhabad, Etawah, Hamirpur, Faizabad, Siddharthnagar, SantKabirnagar, Mau, Auraiya) |
| 12 | West Bengal | Fortified Wheat Flour (All) |