

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2630  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022

DEATHS DUE TO STARVATION

2630 SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of deaths caused due to starvation in the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the total number of malnourished children in the country currently;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the budgetary allocation for food subsidy and the National Food Security Act has reduced by 28 per cent in Budgetary Estimates 2022-23 from Revised Estimates 2021-22; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

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(a): No State Government/Union Territory Administration has reported any incident of death due to starvation.

(b): As per National Family Health Survey-5 report, 67.1% children (age between 6-59 months) are anaemic, 35.5% children under 5 years are stunted, 32.1% are under weight and 19.3% are wasted.

(c) & (d): The total budgetary allocation in Budgetary Estimates (BE) 2022-23 is Rs.213053.09 crore against the Revised Estimates (RE) 2021-22 of Rs.292219.11 crore under the Food Subsidy and National Food Security Act. There was additional allocation of funds in FY 2021-22 due to Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyaan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) scheme by the Government (May 2021 to March 2022). Hence, allocation of funds for food subsidy at RE stage in FY 2021-22 was higher in comparison to BE FY 2022-23.

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