

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1141
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24-07-2026**

INDICATORS IN NFHS-4 AND NFHS-5

1141: DR D RAVI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that several indicators available in NFHS-4 and NFHS-5 including anaemia prevalence, haemoglobin levels among women and children, infant and child mortality, perinatal mortality, sanitation, access to clean cooking fuel, sex ratio, sexual behaviour and household deaths, have not been included in the NFHS-6 factsheets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for excluding these indicators from the published factsheets;
- (c) whether these indicators have been collected during NFHS-6 and if so, the timeline for making the data publicly available;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to restore continuity in reporting these indicators to facilitate evidence-based policy planning and longitudinal comparisons; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) conducts an integrated survey namely National Family Health Survey (NFHS). The survey provides data on health and family welfare and associated domains like characteristics of the population; fertility and fertility preferences; family planning; maternal and child health; nutrition; morbidity and healthcare; women's empowerment, etc. The National and State/UT Fact Sheets of sixth round of NFHS (2023-24) were released on 29.05.2026.

The indicators to be included in the NFHS-6 National and State/UT Fact Sheets were finalized based on the recommendations of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) constituted for NFHS-6, comprising representatives from concerned Ministries/Departments including Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Women & Child Development (MoWCD), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

(MoSPI), Office of Registrar General of India (ORGI), NITI Aayog, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) etc.

The TAC recommended finalizing the list of indicators for the Fact Sheets in line with the Data Harmonization initiatives of the MoSPI, so as to avoid inconsistencies arising from fragmented and unharmonized data available across different official data sources. The TAC further recommended that the Fact Sheets are intended to present only key indicators, particularly those related to health and family welfare, so as to better highlight the key takeaways of the survey.

The Ministry timely disseminates NFHS data by conducting regular follow-ups with the nodal agency and regular meetings at higher levels to monitor progress and oversee intermediary steps.
