

**NNM/2/2017-WBP**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Women & Child Development**  
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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2018

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject : Constitution of National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges.**

In pursuance of Government of India's decision for setting up National Nutrition Mission, a National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges is constituted for (a) policy direction (b) review; and (c) effective coordination and convergence between Ministries which have a sectoral responsibility for the challenge of nutrition.

2. The composition of the National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges is as under:

1	Vice Chairperson, NITI Aayog	Chairperson
2	Minister, Women & Child Development	Member
3	Minister, Health & Family Welfare	Member
4	Minister, Drinking Water & Sanitation	Member
5	Minister, Rural Development	Member
6	Minister, Tribal Affairs	Member
7	Minister, Panchayati Raj	Member
8	Minister, Consumer Affairs and Food	Member
9	Minister of State, Finance	Member
10	Minister/Minister of State, Human Resource Development	Member
11	Minister/Minister of State, Urban Development	Member
12	Minister/Minister of State, Information & Broadcasting	Member
13	Minister/Minister of State, Environment, Forest & Climate Change	Member
14	State Chief Minister or their representative (5 on 2 years rotation basis):  i. Bihar ii. Uttar Pradesh iii. Rajasthan iv. Tamil Nadu v. Chhattisgarh	Members
15	Member, Health & Nutrition, NITI Aayog	Member
16	CEO, NITI Aayog	Member
17	Secretary, Health Research & DG, ICMR	Member
18	Secretary, MWCD	Member-Convener

2.2 The Chairperson may invite any other Minister/Officer/Expert in the relevant field to any meeting of the Council depending upon the context.

2.3 The following Secretaries of Ministries concerned would be Special Invitees to the meeting:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
2. Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation
3. Secretary, Department of Rural Development
4. Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj
5. Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
6. Secretary, Department of Food & Public Distribution
7. Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance
8. Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy
9. Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development
10. Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting
11. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
12. Chairman, Food Safety and Standards authority of India
13. Director, National Institute of Nutrition

2.4 The Council also co-opts following ten DCs/DMs as Members from 10 districts with highest prevalence of child stunting for assessing ground level situation initially in 2017-18:

Sl.No	State	District
1	Uttar Pradesh	Bahraich
2	Uttar Pradesh	Shravasti
3	Uttar Pradesh	Balrampur
4	Jharkhand	Pashchimi Singhbhum
5	Uttar Pradesh	Siddharthnagar
6	Bihar	Sitamarhi
7	Uttar Pradesh	Gonda
8	Uttar Pradesh	Sitapur
9	Karnataka	Koppal
10	Karnataka	Yadgir

3. The Terms of References of the Council are as follows:

- a. Provide policy directions to address India's nutritional challenges through coordinated inter-sectoral action.
- b. Review programmes for nutrition on a quarterly basis.

4. The Council will be serviced by the Ministry of Women & Child Development which may obtain necessary assistance as required from any Ministry/Department/Agency of the Government.

5. The Council shall submit report to the Prime Minister every 6 months.



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All the Members of the National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges

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2. PS to Minister Women & Child Development
3. PS to Minister, Health & Family Welfare
4. PS to Minister, Drinking Water & Sanitation
5. PS to Minister, Rural Development
6. PS to Minister, Tribal Affairs
7. PS to Minister, Panchayati Raj
8. PS to Minister, Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Distribution
9. PS to Minister of State, Finance
10. PS to Minister of State, Human Resource Development
11. PS to Minister/Minister of State, Urban Development
12. PS to Minister/Minister of State, Information & Broadcasting
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31. Director, National Institute of Nutrition
32. DCs/DMs from 10 districts with highest prevalence of child stunting (Bahraich, Shravasti, Balrampur, PashchimiSinghbhum, Siddharthnagar, Sitamarhi, Gonda, Sitapur, Koppal, Yadgir)



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