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Body Mass Index and Chronic Energy Deficiency among Adult Tribal Populations of West Bengal: A Review

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ABSTRACT This paper reviews the status of undernutrition or chronic energy deficiency (CED) among tribals of West Bengal. A comparison is also made with tribal females of other parts of India. This review provided strong evidence that, in general, tribal populations of West Bengal were experiencing serious or critical nutritional stress. Immediate appropriate nutritional intervention programs are needed for implementation among these ethnic groups.