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Title: Regarding performance of Odisha State in the Health Performance Index report brought out by NITI Aayog

SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI (BHUBANESWAR): Hon. Speaker Sir, in this august House, I represent Bhubaneswar Parliamentary constituency in Odisha. I would like to draw the attention of this august House to the Health Performance Index report brought out by NITI Aayog a couple of days back. It is very unfortunate that in this Health Performance Index report, Odisha has slipped to 19th rank, making it the third worst performing State among the 21 large States in the country. If you see the neonatal mortality rate of Odisha, it is comparable with that of Sierra Leone, which is the worst performing Sub-Saharan country. Odisha is comparable with Sierra Leone. Hats off to States like Kerala and Tamil Nadu, which have already reached the Sustainable Development Goal target of 12, which means 12 deaths per 1000 live births. This is the neonatal mortality rate of Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

According to the Sample Registration System, Odisha has reported the highest neonatal mortality rate, the second highest infant mortality rate, the third highest under five mortality rate and the fourth highest maternal mortality rate. It is extremely unfortunate. ...(*Interruptions*). Let me speak for just one more minute. It is an extremely urgent issue and it demands immediate concern.

As per this report, 51 per cent women and 7 per cent of the children are anaemic in the State of Odisha and the prevalence of

stunting is also huge.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : आपका विषय अच्छा है, लेकिन इस पर डिटेल भाषण की आवश्यकता है ।

SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI : I would definitely like to request the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, through you, to seek a report from the State of Odisha.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : डॉ. किरिट पी. सोलंकी और कुँवर पुष्पेन्द्र सिंह चन्देल को श्रीमती अपराजिता सारंगी द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है ।