

Proposal to set up 'Health for all Programme

3649. SHRI HARINATH MISRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the birth and death rates have decreased significantly in Kerala, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Punjab and it is high in Bihar, U.P., M.P., Rajasthan and West Bengal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Hindi heartland and Ganga basin represent area of high density, signifying increasing pressure of population on land, low literacy, particularly among females, and high material and infant mortality;

(d) whether Government propose to establish 'Health for All programme' universally without any further delay; and

(e) if so, when; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) The birth and death rates have fallen in Kerala, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Punjab though the decline in the death rates is not so significant. The birth and death rates in respect of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan are generally high. Estimates of vital rates for Bihar and West Bengal are not available.

(b) The differences in the vital rates between two groups of States can be attributed to better implementation of health programmes and acceptance of family planning methods.

(c) The area comprising the States of Haryana, Delhi Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal which cover the Hindi heartland and Ganga Basin, has a high density of population, low literacy (both among males and females) as well as high infant mortality rates. The comparative figures are given below:—

	Density	Literacy Rate		Infant mortality rate
	(per sq. km.)	(per 1000 persons) Total	Females	(per 1000 live births)
(i) Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan, M.P., U.P. Bihar and West Bengal	245	29.9	17.6	155
(ii) Rest of India	201**	42.9**	32.5**	110
(iii) All India	221**	36.2**	24.9**	130*

**Excludes Assam and Jammu & Kashmir.

*Excludes Bihar and West Bengal.

The figures on density and female literacy are based on the provisional estimates from 1981 census while the Infant Mortality rates are for 1977 from the Sample Registration System. Information is not available on the maternal mortality rate.

(d) and (e). The Government of India have prepared a perspective plan to achieve the objective of "Health for all by 2000 A.D." The plan is envisaged to be implemented in phases by the State/UTs. from the Sixth Five Year Plan onwards.