

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD SUMMIT ON CHILDREN  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a World Summit on Children was held in 1990;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the participants from India therein and the goals committed to be achieved by India so far as children are concerned; and
- (d) the extent to which these goals have been achieved?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) The World Summit on Children was held in September, 1990. It was attended by a high level Indian delegation led by Mrs. Ila Bhatt, Member of Planning Commission. The Summit adopted a Declaration and set decadal goals for the survival, protection and development of children, which were to be achieved by the member countries.

India has made steady progress in several sectors in achieving these targets. The areas in which the improvement has been made are as under:

1. Under five mortality rate: per thousand live births, reduced in 5 years from 109 (1992-93)(NFHS I) to 94.9 (1998-99)(NFHS II).
2. Infant mortality rate: per thousand live births reduced from 80 (1990)(SRS) to 68 (1998-99)(NFHS II).
3. Underweight prevalence from 53.4% (1992-93)(NFHS I) to 47% (1998-99)(NFHS II).
4. Stunting prevalence from 52% (1992-93)(NFHS I) to 45.5% (1998-99)(NFHS II).
5. Wasting Prevalence from 17.5% (1992-93)(NFHS I) to 15.5% (1998-99)(NFHS II).
6. School attendance, age 6-14(female) improved from 59% (1992-93)(NFHS I) to 74% (1998-99)(NFHS II).
7. School attendance, age 6-14(male) went up from 75.5% (1992-93)(NFHS I) to 84% (1998-99)(NFHS II).