

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
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NEO- NATAL DEATHS  
Pal Shri Jagdambika

**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether several cases of neo-natal deaths have been reported in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective action taken in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b) The reported Neonatal Mortality Rate for India is 36 per thousand live births (Sample Registration Survey 2007). The estimates of the Neonatal Mortality Rate as reported by the Registrar General of India (RGI), Ministry of Home Affairs for the year 2007 State wise is given as Annexed.

The primary causes of neonatal deaths are :

- Â§ Sepsis
- Â§ Low birth weight and
- Â§ Asphyxia.

(c)The Reproductive and Child Health programme (RCH) II [2005-10] under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) [2005-12], comprehensively integrates interventions that improve child health and addresses factors contributing to mortality amongst children.

The Components of child health programme which help reduce child morbidity and mortality are as follows:

- i. Essential newborn care
- ii. Immunization
- iii. Infant and young child feeding
- iv. Vitamin A supplementation and Iron and Folic Acid supplementation
- v. Early detection and appropriate management of Acute Respiratory Infections, Diarrhoea and other infections
- vi. Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses (IMNCI) and Pre- Service IMNCI
- vii. Facility Based New Born Care.