

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR NEWLY BORN INFANTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank proposes to provide assistance under the Newly Born Infant Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any assistance for the above programme was provided earlier also by the World Bank;
- (d) if so, whether considerable success has been achieved in stabilising the growing population through this programme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) World Bank provides assistance to RCH-II project, which includes child health programme including new born care as its components.

RCH-II is a comprehensive program under National Rural Health Mission, and is largely financed by Government of India. Financial support for this is also received from World Bank, Department for International Development (DFID), UNFPA and European Union.

(b) The World Bank assistance to RCH-II is USD 381.6 million.

(c) Yes, World Bank had provided assistance for implementation of RCH Phase-I (1997-2004) and Immunization strengthening project (2000-2005).

(d) & (e) Progress has been made in stabilizing the growing population. Total fertility rate (TFR) has reduced from 3.3 (Sample Registration System, Registrar General, India, (SRS-1997) to 2.6 (SRS -2008).