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CHILDREN DEATHS DUE TO PREVENTABLE DISEASES

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

- (a) whether any study has been made to ascertain the exact number of children who die every day due to diseases which are preventable;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India accounts for the highest number of child deaths in the World;
- (d) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (e) the steps the Government proposes to take to check the cases of rising deaths of children?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) No such study has been made, to ascertain the exact number of children who die every day due to diseases which are preventable. However, according to the UNICEF State of World Children 2010 report approximately 18 lakh children die in India every year and India contributes approximately 20% of the global burden of child deaths. The Infant Mortality Rate of India is 53 per 1000 live births and it is ranked 49 with 143 countries having a lower IMR than India.

(e) The Reproductive and Child Health programme (RCH)-II under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), integrates interventions that improve Child Health and address factors contributing to morbidity and mortality. The key components of the RCH Child Health programme which reduce child mortality and morbidity are as follows:-

- # Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses(IMNCI) and Pre-service Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses(IMNCI)
- # Facility Based Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses (IMNCI)
- # Early detection and appropriate management of Diarrhoea disease.
- # Early detection and appropriate management of Acute Respiratory Infections and other infections
- # Navjaat Shishu Suraksha Karyakram(NSSK), a programme for training health care providers on Basic newborn care and resuscitation
- # Infant and young child feeding
- # Immunisation against six vaccine preventable diseases
- # Vitamin A supplementation and Iron and Folic Acid supplementation.
- # Establishment of sick New Born Care Units at District Hospitals, Sterilisation units at Community Health Centres(CHCs) and New Born Care corners at 24x7 Primary Health Centres(PHCs) to provide new born and child care services.
- # Establishment of Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres to address severe acute malnutrition.