

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:150

ANSWERED ON:19.11.2010

MORTALITY RATE

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

- (a) whether as per the latest Report of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), India recorded 17.26 lakh deaths for 0-5 group with a mortality rate of 66 in 2009;
- (b) if so, the response of the Union Government thereon;
- (c) whether most of the deaths of children under five do not come to light particularly in the rural and far flung areas of the country;and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to improve child health care and reduce death under five in the country?

Answer

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

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 150 FOR 19TH NOVEMBER, 2010

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Under the reproductive and child health programme of the National Rural Health Mission, the Government is taking various measures to improve the child health and address factors contributing to morbidity and mortality so that the mortality in children can be brought down.

(c) Under the registration of births and deaths Act, 1969, of Government of India, it is mandatory to register both births and deaths. Registrar General of India through sample registration system provides data on child mortality.

(d) The following steps are being taken by the Government to improve child health care and reduce deaths in children:

(1) Establishment of special new born care units, new born stabilization units and new born care corners at health facilities.

(2) Navjaat Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (NSSK), a Basic Newborn Care and Resuscitation training programme to address important interventions of care at birth i.e. Prevention of Hypothermia, Prevention of Infection, Early initiation of Breast feeding and Neonatal Resuscitation.

(3) Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illness (IMNCI), early detection and appropriate management of Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI), Diarrhoea and other infections among new born and under five children.

(4) F-IMNCI is an integration of the facility based care package with the IMNCI package, to empower the Health personnel with the skills to manage new born and childhood illness at the facility level.

(5) Management of Diarrhoea through administration of Oral Rehydration Salt (ORS).

(6) Management of Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) by way of early detection and treatment through antibiotics.

(7) Immunization against vaccine preventable diseases.

(8) Infant and young Child Feeding (Exclusive breastfeeding for 6 months & timely introduction of complimentary feeding).

(9) Vitamin A, Iron and Folic Acid supplementation.

(10) Establishment of Nutritional Rehabilitation centers.