

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CHILD MORTALITY RATE

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

- (a) whether as per the report of the Registrar General of India and a British Medical Journal 23 lakhs children aged below five years died in the country in the year 2005 alone;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the percentage of the children who die in the country vis-a-vis the total number of children born annually; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes.

(b) The Government of India has launched National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) under which the Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH) II comprehensively integrates interventions that improve child health and addresses factors contributing to morbidity and mortality.

(c) As per the Sample Registration System (SRS) 2008, published by Registrar General of India (RGI) the under five child mortality rate is 69 per 1000 live birth. This indicates that about 6.9% of children born alive die before attaining the age of 5 years.

(d) The key components of child health programme which help reduce child morbidity and mortality are as follows:

Establishment of Special Newborn Care Units, Newborn Stabilization Units and Newborn Care Corners at health facilities.

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 Diarrhoeal disease

Early detection and appropriate management of Acute Respiratory Infections and other infections

Navjaat Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (NSSK), a programme for Basic newborn care and resuscitation

Provision of health Infant and young child feeding processes including breast feeding

Immunization

Vitamin A supplementation and Iron and Folic Acid supplementation.

Establishment of Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres