

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:342  
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CHILD MORTALITY AMONG ADIVASIS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether as per the World Bank report `Child Mortality among Adivasis in India`, a relatively high prevalence of child mortality in Adivasi areas of the country has been reported;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor, State-wise;
- (c) the extent to which the National Rural Health Mission has helped in addressing this issue;
- (d) whether the Government proposes any new programme to tackle this serious problem; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 342 FOR &R DECEMBER, 2010

(a)&(b) Yes Madam, as per World Bank document `A closer look at child mortality among adivasis in India` which is based on data from the National Family Health Survey (NFHS III) 2005 - 06, the child mortality in the age group 1-5 years among adivasis is relatively high in the country. The reasons for higher mortality amongst tribals include poverty, malnutrition, poor health seeking behaviour, geographical location and lack of adequate access to health care. Statewise details of Child mortality (1-5years) as per recent data of Sample Registration System (SRS - 2008) are annexed.

(c) to (e) The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH) II, has comprehensively integrated interventions that improve child health and address factors contributing to morbidity and mortality- The key components of child health programme under NRHM 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) including facility Based Integrated management of neonatal and childhood illnesses (IMNCI).

# Early detection and appropriate management of Diarrhoeal disease and appropriate management of Acute Respiratory Infections and other infections

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

# Promotion of breast feeding and Infant and young child feeding practices

# Immunization including Vitamin A supplementation and Iron and Folic Acid supplementation.

# Establishment of Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres.