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CHILDREN DEATHS

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

(a) whether the number of untimely deaths of children particularly below five years occurring due to malnutrition underweight, diseases and lack of proper care in the country is far more than the neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (b) As per the State of World Children, UNICEF Report 2009, India is ranked 49th in the descending order of the estimated under-five mortality rate for the year 2008 among 193 countries with an under-five mortality rate of 69 per 1000 live births for the year 2008.

(c) Under NRHM, the Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH) II comprehensively integrates interventions that improve child health and addresses factors contributing to morbidity and mortality.

The key components of child health programme 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 infectious

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

Infant and young child feeding

Immunization

Vitamin A supplementation and

Iron and Folic Acid supplementation