

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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ANTE-NATAL CARE UNDER JSY  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment of the coverage of the Ante- Natal Care (ANC) service in different States, particularly after launch of Janani Suraksha Yojana in the year 2005 with special emphasis on low performing States, identifying the ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) as the link between the Government and the women; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Government of India, after the launch of JSY in 2005, has conducted District Level Household Survey (DLHS-III) (2007-08). Coverage Evaluation Survey (2009) has been conducted by UNICEF with technical guidance from Government of India.

Following are some of the key findings of DLHS-III (2007-08) vis-a-vis DLHS-II (2002-04) with respect to ante-natal coverage

- i. Mothers who received any ANC coverage increased from 73.6% in DLHS-II to 75.2% in DLHS-III
- ii. Mother who received 3+ ANC coverage has remained more or less constant from 50.4% in DLHS-II to 49.8% in DLHS-III
- iii. Full ANC has also increased from 16.5% in DLHS-II to 18.8% in DLHS-III

However, significant improvement has been seen in the Coverage Evaluation Survey (2009) wherein ante-natal coverage has improved significantly.

- i. Any ANC coverage has increased from 75.2% in DLHS-III(2007-08) to 90.4% in CES(2009)
- ii. 3+ ANC coverage increased from 49.8% in DLHS-III(2007-08) to 68.7% in CES(2009)
- iii. Full ANC has also increased from 18.8 % in DLHS-III to 26.5% in CES(2009)

The improvement in the ante-natal coverage has been due to sustained and focussed interventions such as demand promotion scheme like JSY and introduction of ASHA as a link between the community and the health system.