

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REPRODUCTIVE AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent to which the interventions through Reproductive and Child Health Programme are helping in improving child health and addressing mortality and morbidity of children in the country including Gujarat and West Bengal;
- (b) whether any survey, after the launch of the National Family Health Survey-3, 2005-06, has been conducted in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), the Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH-II) comprehensively integrates interventions that improve child health and addresses factors contributing to Infant and under-five mortality. The infant mortality rate (IMR) in the country has reduced from 58 per 1000 live births in the year 2005 to 50 per 1000 live births in the year 2009. IMR in Gujarat has declined from 54 to 48 and in West Bengal from 38 to 33 during the same period.

(b) & (c) After NFHS III survey 2005-06, District Level Household Survey (DLHS) was conducted during 2007-08. The Sample Registration System 2009 was also conducted by Registrar General of India in which infant mortality rate shows decline of 3 points in comparison to SRS 2008.