

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3503  
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UNICEF REPORT ON NEO NATAL DEATHS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the recent UNICEF report places India at number one spot in children's deaths across the globe; and
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a) No. According to UNICEF's Report "State of World's Children, 2009", India is placed at rank 49 in descending order with reference to under five mortality rate.
- (b) The question does not arise.