

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

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DEATH RATE

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

(a) whether the death rate has been increasing in some States including Southern States;

(b) if so, the details of deaths recorded in various States during the last three years and upto the current year, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Central Government in bringing down death rate in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The estimate of Crude Death Rate (CDR) is provided annually by the Office of the Registrar General of India (RGI), Ministry of Home Affairs and the latest estimate is available for the year 2009. Estimated CDR for India and States for last three years (2007, 2008 and 2009) is Annexed. It is observed that Death Rate has marginally increased in 2009 in some States including southern States.

(c): The Government has launched the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in 2005 throughout the country, with special focus on 18 states to provide accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable primary health care services, especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the rural population of India. The NRHM operates as an umbrella programme by integrating all vertical health programmes of the Departments of Health and Family Welfare including Reproductive & Child Health Programme and various National Diseases Control Programmes like Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme, National Programme for Control of Blindness, National Leprosy Eradication Programme, National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme etc. Further, in order to improve the prevention, control and treatment of diseases in the country, Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP) has been implemented in the country which seeks to strengthen disease surveillance by detecting and responding to early warning signals of epidemic prone diseases.