

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEATH DUE TO PNEUMONIA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India tops in the list of countries where children die due to pneumonia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of such patients in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken proposed by the Government to prevent this disease and to protect the children from pneumonia and similar other diseases?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) No.

(b) In view of (a) question does not arise. However, childhood pneumonia is caused by H. Influenza and Respiratory Syncytial Virus; Streptococcus Pneumonia, Staphylococcus aureus and Gram Negative organism (Mycoplasma Chlamydia).

Lack of Breast feeding, younger age (less than one year), lack of Measles immunization, indoor air pollution and malnutrition etc. are additional risk factors for pneumonia.

(c) State wise information on the reported Pneumonia deaths (HMIS data 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11) is annexed.

(d) In order to address mortality due to pneumonia, Government of India is implementing the following interventions:-

Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses (IMNCI), a child survival strategy, aims to train the baseline workers in early detection and management of main causes of morbidity and mortality amongst children including pneumonia, in a holistic manner at community as well as the health facility level throughout the country.

Families are counselled on early recognition of danger signs in a sick new born and child so that families recognise the symptoms early and seek early treatment at facilities and thus avoid delay.