

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:148  
ANSWERED ON:23.03.2012  
MATERNAL AND NEO NATAL TETANUS DEATHS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a number of children in the country die every year due to measles, maternal and neo-natal tetanus;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of cases reported during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to immunize the mothers with maternal and neo-natal tetanus (MNT) vaccine;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the further action taken by the Government for adoption of hygienic delivery and cord care practices especially in rural India?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 148 FOR 23RD MARCH, 2012

(a)&(b) As per report published by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), Government of India, 54 deaths due to measles and 12 deaths due to neo natal tetanus were reported in 2011. The State/UT wise number of cases reported for measles and neonatal tetanus during the last three years and current year is at annexure A and B.

(c)&(d) Under Universal Immunization Programme, tetanus toxiod vaccine is provided to children at 10 and 16 years of age. Pregnant women are provided two doses of tetanus toxiod vaccine to prevent neonatal and maternal tetanus

(e) Institutional delivery is being promoted for hygienic delivery and improved cord care practices through implementation of several interventions under National Rural Health Mission including Jannani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) and Jannani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK).