

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ADOLESCENT FERTILITY RATE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the adolescent fertility rate of our country is much higher than that of our neighbouring countries; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a)&(b): Adolescent Fertility Rate also called Adolescent Birth Rate measures the number of births to women in 15-19 years of age per 1000 women in the same age group. The Adolescent Birth Rate during 2000-2010 for India was 45 as per "State of the World's Children 2012" report brought out by UNICEF. Further, the adolescent birth rate in India is lower than Bangladesh and Nepal whereas it is higher than China, Pakistan and Sri Lanka as may be seen from the statement given below:

Countries Adolescent Birth Rate (2000-2010)

Bangladesh 133

China 6

Pakistan 16

Nepal 106

Sri Lanka 23