

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

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NO CHILD BORN TO DIE CAMPAIGN
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has the highest child mortality rate in the world;
- (b) whether to control this loss of life, certain child rights Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) proposes to launch a new campaign 'No child born to die' in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to take part in this endeavour and to involve citizens to make the above project a success; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): No. As per UNICEF report "The State of the world's children 2012", India ranks 46th in descending order for under-5 mortality in the world.
- (b) & (c): "No child born to die" is Global campaign launched by an International NGO "Save the Children". The details are available on their website <http://www.savethechildren.org.uk>.
- (d) & (e): The Government of India is committed to reducing child mortality in the country and achieving the MDGs. Under the framework of implementation of National Rural Health Mission, the involvement of community is one of the core strategies. These strategies are in the form of constitution of Village Health, Nutrition and Sanitation Committees at village level and Rogi Kalyan Samitis in public health facilities and having Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) at village level to act as a link between community and health facility