

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CHILDREN DEATHS IN KALAVATI SARAN HOSPITAL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether 10,081 children have died in Kalavati Saran Hospital of Delhi during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same, year-wise;
- (c) Whether any complaint has been filed with National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in the matter; and
- (d) if so, the effective steps being taken by the Government to curb such deaths in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b): The details of case of admission, death, gross death rate and Net death rate of children during 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 (upto 31st July) are given as under:-

Year	Admission	Death	Gross death rate over 48 hrs stay)	Net death rate (deaths
2008	29985	2713	9.0	3.8
2009	27951	2499	8.9	4.0
2010	28840	2144	7.4	3.2
2011	27123	1782	6.5	2.6
2012 (upto 31st July)	23179	943	4.7	2.8

The common cause for above stated death includes preterm & other ill-defined condition in perinatal period; Bronchopneumonia & other respiratory infection; Neonatal septicemia & other septicemia; Meningitis & Meningococcal infection; Intestinal infections & other diseases; occurrence of more than 50% of these deaths within 1st 48 hours of admission indicating that these patients were brought late and in a critical condition; receiving extremely sick infants from referral by Hospitals of Delhi and neighbouring States, etc.

(c) & (d): The Team from NHRC visited Kalavati Saran Children's Hospital (KSCH) recently. For modifiable causes i.e. infections advanced antibiotics are being used and best of care being provided using high and equipments like warmers, ventilators monitors etc. More such equipments have been proposed to be procured to meet demand of the increasing number of patients. Government of India is also providing assistance for capacity building of health care providers in basis and comprehensive obstetric care; name based tracking of pregnant women to ensure antenatal, intra-natal and postnatal care; launch of new initiative namely Janani Shishu

Suraksha Karyakaram; etc., which provide timely treatment of women and infants near their home and improved access to health care and early referral of sick children can also reduce mortality.