

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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PRE-NATAL TEST DETERMINATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Family Health Survey-III has highlighted that in the five years preceding the survey, 44 per cent of urban and 80 per cent of the rural respondents had opted for pre-natal ultrasound tests;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has urged upon the States to take urgent steps to see that children born are given proper treatment; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) & (b): As per the Report of National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-III conducted during 2005-06, 44 per cent of urban and 16.3 per cent of rural respondents had opted for pre-natal ultrasound test in the five years preceding the survey. Details provided in the report showing the percentage of all pregnancies in the five years preceding the survey for which an ultrasound test was done and percent distribution of pregnancies with an ultrasound test by pregnancy outcome, according to background characteristics, India, 2005-2006 is enclosed at Annexure.

(c) & (d): The Government of India, in collaboration with the State Governments, is implementing the Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH-II) which includes the following key strategies:-

- (1) Increase coverage of skilled care at birth for newborns in conjunction with maternal care.
- (2) A newborn and child health package of preventive, promotive and curative interventions using a comprehensive Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood illnesses (IMNCI) approach.
- (3) Strengthen and augment existing services (care at birth/essential newborn care, ARI and diarrhea control) in areas where IMNCI is yet to be implemented.
- (4) Implement the multi-year strategic plan for the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP).