

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

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BABIES WITH DOWN SYNDROME  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of babies born with down syndrome in the country is the highest in the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of such babies born every year in the country;
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the success rate of non-invasive pre-natal diagnosis for trisomy syndrome in this regard and;
- (e) if so, the details and outcome thereof along with the remedial measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (c): The data on number of births with Down Syndrome is not collected under the RCH programme. However, as per available scientific literature, one case of Down Syndrome out of every 800 live births is reported in western countries whereas in India, it is one in 1000 live births.

(d) & (e): The Government of India is implementing Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) where early detection of birth defects including Down Syndrome is carried out by clinical screening of all children from 0-18 years of age and provision has also been made for initiating early intervention for the management of Down Syndrome.