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IMMUNISATION COVERAGE FOR DISEASES

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of children died due to diarrhoea/pneumonia/diphtheria/measles separately in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the percentage of immunisation coverage in this regard during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the paramedical staff is well-trained to deal with the abovementioned diseases in rural parts of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the children from such diseases?

Answer

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

(a): The number of child deaths due to diarrhoea/pneumonia/diphtheria/measles is not maintained at central level by this Ministry. However, as per the report of Child Health Epidemiology Reference Group 2012, it is estimated that 13 per cent of all under five child deaths are caused by diarrhoea and 23 per cent by pneumonia. Further, as per Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI) report, the number of deaths reported, State/UT-wise due to diarrhoea, pneumonia, diphtheria and measles, are enclosed at Annexure I.

(b): Under Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), DPT vaccine, BCG and Measles vaccine are given to prevent to these child deaths. The percentage of children immunised in last three years and current year as reported by States/UT is as below:

	BCG	DPT-3	Measles-	1
2011-12	93.37	89.59	88.85	
2012-13	93.12	84.19	89.89	
2013-14	93.5	90.1	89.2	
2014-15	76.46	70.67	72.18	

State/UT-wise details are given in Annexure II-V.

(c) to (e): Under the National Health Mission, the steps taken by the Government for prevention and control of diarrhoea/pneumonia/diphtheria/measles in children are as follows:

The community health workers and facility based health service providers are trained in the management of diarrhoea and pneumonia through the IMNCI (Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses) and Facility based IMNCI programme across the country. Till date, 5,97,619 health personnel have been trained in IMNCI and 27,692 in FIMNCI trainings. The State wise progress is placed in Annexure VI.

Promotion of early and exclusive breastfeeding offers protection against common childhood illnesses including diarrhoea and pneumonia. Infant and Young Child Feeding Practices are being promoted through the national health programme.

Vitamin A Supplementation programme covers children up to the age of 5 years and offers protection against diarrhoea and pneumonia by improving the immunity and is used as a preventive measure.

Promoting use of Zinc and ORS is one of the priority activities for child survival. Oral Rehydration Salt (ORS) packets and zinc tablets are made available free of cost and mothers are taught how to use them.

Awareness is being created amongst mothers on sanitation and hygiene and in the communities about the causes and treatment of diarrhoea through health education.

Antibiotics for treatment of pneumonia and dysentery are made available through the public health system. Oxygen and bronchodilators are also made available at health facilities to manage cases of pneumonia.

Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight was implemented from 28th July to 8th August 2014 to prevent deaths due to childhood diarrhoea across all States/UTs.

To protect the children from such diseases Government is providing two doses of measles vaccine, five doses of DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus) vaccine in all states/UTs and Pentavalent vaccine (DPT+Hib+Hepatitis B) (in selected states)