

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 252
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.12.2018

DEATHS DUE TO GENDER BIAS

252. SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to a Lancet report, about 2.39 lakh girls below the age of five die due to neglect linked to gender based discrimination and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the report has also stated that 22 per cent of the overall mortality burden of young girls in India is attributable to gender bias and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the study has further revealed that Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh accounted for more than 70 per cent of avoidable deaths in the country and if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State/ UT-wise; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

- (a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 252 FOR 28.12.2018 RAISED BY SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY REGARDING 'DEATHS DUE TO GENDER BIAS'

- (a) to (d): No information is available in this Ministry regarding Lancet report. However, as per the information received from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare about mortality rate and steps taken by the Ministry to reduce the mortality rate are as under:

As per Sample Registration System (SRS) 2016, U5MR of India is 39 per 1,000 live births. However, mortality for girl child was 41 whereas, that for male child is 37. In 2011 U5MR was 55. Mortality for girl child was 59 whereas, that for male child was 51. There has been 18 points decline in girl child mortality as against 14 points decline in male child mortality. Thus gender gap has decreased from 8 points in 2011 to 4 points in 2016. Details as given below.

Sample Registration System (SRS) Year	Under 5 Mortality	Female Under 5 Mortality	Male Under 5 Mortality
SRS 2011	55	59	51
SRS 2016	39	41	37
Points reduction (2011 to 2016)	16	18	14
Relative reduction in %	29 %	30.5 %	27.4 %

State-wise trend of Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) per 1000 live births placed as annexure at **Annexure-1**.

To reduce Under 5 Mortality, various programmes and schemes under National Health Mission are being implemented by States/ UTs and the Central government recommends financial assistance to States/ UTs based on proposals received in their Annual Program Implementation Plan (APIP).

(1) Promotion of Institutional deliveries through cash incentive under Janani SurakshaYojana (JSY) and Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram (JSSK) which entitles all pregnant women delivering in public health institutions to absolutely free ante-natal check-ups, delivery including Caesarean section, post-natal care and treatment of sick infants till one year of age.

(2) Strengthening of delivery points for providing comprehensive and quality Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCH+A) Services, ensuring essential newborn care at all delivery points, establishment of Special Newborn Care Units (SNCU), Newborn Stabilization Units (NBSU) and Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) units for care of sick and small babies. Home Based Newborn Care (HBNC) and Home Based Care of Young Children (HBYC) are being provided by ASHAs to improve child rearing practices.

(3) Early initiation and exclusive breastfeeding for first six months and appropriate Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices are promoted in convergence with Ministry of Women and Child Development. Village Health and Nutrition Days (VHNDs) are observed for provision of maternal and child health services and creating awareness on maternal and child care including health and nutrition education. Mothers' Absolute Affection (MAA) programme for improving breastfeeding practices (Initial Breastfeeding within one hour, Exclusive Breastfeeding up to six months and complementary feeding up to two years) through mass media campaigns and capacity building of health care providers in health facilities as well as in communities.

(4) Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) is being supported to provide vaccination to children against many life threatening diseases such as Tuberculosis, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Polio, Tetanus, Hepatitis B and Measles. "Mission Indradhanush and Intensified Mission Indradhanush" was launched to fully immunize children who are either unvaccinated or partially vaccinated; those that have not been covered during the rounds of routine immunization for various reasons.

(5) Name based tracking of mothers and children till two years of age (Mother and Child Tracking System) is done to ensure complete antenatal, intranatal, postnatal care and complete immunization as per schedule

(6) Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) for health screening, early detection of birth defects, diseases, deficiencies, development delays and early intervention services has been Operationalized to provide comprehensive care to all the children in the age group of 0-18 years in the community.

(7) Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) have been set up at public health facilities to treat and manage the children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) admitted with medical complications.

(8) Iron and folic acid (IFA) supplementation for the prevention of anaemia among the vulnerable age groups, home visits by ASHAs to promote exclusive breast feeding and promote use of ORS and Zinc for management of diarrhoea in children.

(9) Health and nutrition education through Information, Education & Communication (IEC) and Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) to promote healthy practices and create awareness to generate demand and improve service uptake.

(10) Capacity building of health care providers: Various trainings are being conducted to build and upgrade the skills of health care providers in basic and comprehensive obstetric care of mother during pregnancy, delivery and essential new-born care.

State wise Under 5 Mortality Rate (U5MR)																		
	2011			2012			2013			2014			2015			2016		
States	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
India	55	51	59	52	49	56	49	47	53	45	42	49	43	40	45	39	37	41
Andhra Pradesh	45	42	49	43	40	46	41	40	42	40	39	41	39	37	42	37	36	38
Assam	78	75	82	75	71	80	73	68	77	66	63	70	62	58	66	52	48	57
Bihar	59	56	62	57	54	60	54	51	58	53	49	58	48	43	54	43	35	41
Chhattisgarh	57	49	66	55	48	62	53	47	59	49	44	55	48	45	51	49	49	48
Delhi	32	29	35	28	27	30	26	25	28	21	19	24	20	18	23	22	22	23
Gujarat	52	49	54	48	46	50	45	44	46	41	40	23	39	38	41	33	34	33
Haryana	51	45	58	48	45	52	45	42	49	40	37	43	43	41	46	37	34	42
Himachal Pradesh	46	43	49	43	40	46	41	37	45	36	35	37	33	34	32	27	26	29
Jammu & Kashmir	45	45	45	43	42	45	40	40	39	35	33	37	28	25	31	26	25	28
Jharkhand	54	45	63	50	47	54	48	45	51	44	40	48	39	35	44	33	31	35
Karnataka	40	38	42	37	35	39	35	33	36	31	30	33	31	31	32	29	26	31
Kerala	13	12	14	13	12	14	12	11	14	13	12	15	13	12	14	11	10	12
Madhya Pradesh	77	72	82	73	69	78	69	65	74	65	60	70	62	63	61	55	58	52
Maharashtra	28	27	28	28	27	28	22	26	27	23	23	24	24	21	26	21	20	23
Orissa	72	70	74	68	67	70	66	65	68	60	58	61	56	56	55	50	49	51
Punjab	38	33	43	34	29	40	31	26	36	27	24	31	27	27	26	24	24	25
Rajasthan	64	57	72	59	52	67	57	50	65	51	47	57	50	44	56	45	42	49
Tamil Nadu	25	23	27	24	23	26	23	22	24	21	22	21	20	20	21	19	19	19
Telangana										37	36	39	34	33	35	34	33	34
Uttar Pradesh	73	67	81	68	62	75	64	60	70	57	52	63	51	49	53	47	46	49
Uttarakhand										36	33	40	38	36	41	41	38	45
West Bengal	38	37	40	38	37	39	35	34	35	30	28	32	30	28	31	27	27	28

State wise Infant Mortality Rate (U5MR)

States/UTs	2011			2012			2013			2014			2015			2016		
	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
India	44	43	46	42	41	44	40	39	42	39	37	40	37	35	39	34	33	36
Andhra Pradesh	43	40	46	41	40	43	39	39	40	39	38	39	37	36	38	34	33	35
Assam	55	55	56	55	54	57	54	53	55	49	49	49	47	47	47	44	43	45
Bihar	44	44	45	43	42	45	42	40	43	42	39	46	42	36	50	38	31	46
Chhattisgarh	48	47	50	47	46	47	46	45	47	43	41	44	41	40	41	39	39	38
Delhi	28	25	31	25	24	26	24	23	25	20	18	22	18	18	19	18	18	17
Gujarat	41	39	42	38	36	39	36	35	37	35	34	37	33	33	34	30	31	30
Haryana	44	41	48	42	41	44	41	40	42	36	35	38	36	36	37	33	31	35
Jammu & Kashmir	41	40	41	39	38	40	37	36	38	34	33	36	26	25	27	24	24	25
Jharkhand	39	36	43	38	36	39	37	35	38	34	32	36	32	30	35	29	27	31
Karnataka	35	34	35	32	30	34	31	30	32	29	27	30	28	26	30	24	22	27
Kerala	12	11	13	12	10	13	12	10	13	12	10	13	12	10	13	10	9	11
Madhya Pradesh	59	57	62	56	54	59	54	52	55	52	51	53	50	51	48	47	49	44
Maharashtra	25	24	25	25	24	26	24	23	25	22	21	22	21	19	22	19	18	19
Odisha	57	55	58	53	52	54	51	50	52	49	48	51	46	45	47	44	44	44
Punjab	30	28	33	28	27	29	26	25	27	24	23	25	23	22	24	21	20	21
Rajasthan	52	50	53	49	47	51	47	45	49	46	44	49	43	40	47	41	39	44
Tamil Nadu	22	21	23	21	21	22	21	20	21	20	20	20	19	19	19	17	18	17
Telangana										35	34	35	34	33	34	31	31	30
Uttar Pradesh	57	55	59	53	52	55	50	49	52	48	47	50	46	44	48	43	41	45
Uttarakhand	36	34	38	34	33	35	32	30	33	33	31	34	34	31	38	38	36	41
West Bengal	32	30	34	32	31	33	31	30	33	28	26	31	26	25	28	25	24	26
Arunachal Pradesh	32	33	31	33	32	35	32	32	33	30	28	32	30	31	30	36	35	37
Goa	11	7	14	10	8	12	9	8	10	10	8	11	9	8	11	8	8	9
Himachal Pradesh	38	36	39	36	35	38	35	33	36	32	30	35	28	28	27	25	23	26
Manipur	11	8	15	10	10	11	10	9	10	11	10	11	9	8	10	11	10	13
Meghalaya	52	52	52	49	48	50	47	46	48	46	44	49	42	42	43	39	41	37
Mizoram	34	31	37	35	33	37	35	33	37	32	32	33	32	33	32	27	26	29
Nagaland	21	15	26	18	15	22	18	14	23	14	15	14	12	10	15	12	5	21
Sikkim	26	23	30	24	22	27	22	20	25	19	16	23	18	15	21	16	13	19
Tripura	29	29	29	28	26	29	26	22	30	21	19	23	20	19	21	24	25	22
A & N Islands	23	19	27	24	18	31	24	20	28	22	20	24	20	17	23	16	15	17
Chandigarh	20	21	19	20	19	22	21	20	22	23	19	27	21	20	23	14	13	14
D & N Haveli	35	35	36	33	31	35	31	29	34	26	24	28	21	21	21	17	16	17
Daman & Diu	22	17	27	22	20	25	20	19	20	18	20	15	18	18	19	19	19	19
Lakshadweep	24	27	20	24	23	25	24	19	29	20	14	26	20	20	19	19	22	15
Puducherry	19	17	20	17	15	18	17	15	19	14	12	16	11	8	14	10	9	12