

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 118
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2018**

SIGNIFICANT DROP IN MMR

118. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

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

- (a) whether, it is a fact that the Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) in the country has dropped significantly, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that this 28 per cent drop is an achievement arising from painstakingly reducing the MMR in each of the States; and
- (c) whether, it indicates impressive progress, particularly in the Empowered Action Group (EAC) States, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (a): As per the latest **RGI-SRS Report** on Maternal Mortality Ratio in India 2014-16; the MMR of India has declined from 167 in 2011-13 to 130 per 100,000 live births in 2014-16. This translates into a reduction of absolute numbers of maternal deaths from approximately 44,000 to 32,000 per year.
- (b): Maternal Mortality Ratio has declined on an average by 22%. The MMR has declined in all states for which SRS data is available.
- (c): The percentage of decline in the EAG states is as follows:-
Uttar Pradesh/ Uttarakhand (29%), Assam (21%), Madhya Pradesh/ Chhattisgarh (22%), Rajasthan (18%), Bihar/Jharkhand (21%), Odisha (19%).