

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 759
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th FEBRUARY 2022**

“DEATHS DUE TO PNEUMONIA”

759: SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

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

- (a) the details of the deaths caused by pneumonia during the last three years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that pneumonia is the leading cause of infant mortality;
- and
- (c) if so, the efforts being made by Government to solve this problem?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE**

(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (c):

The details of infant deaths (1-12 months) caused by Pneumonia during last three years (2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 up to December 21) are placed below:

Number of Infant Deaths (1 -12 months) due to Pneumonia			
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (April-December 2021)
All India	11280	7910	6576
Source: Health Management Information System Report (status as on 3rd February 2022, Data as uploaded by States/ UTs on HMIS portal)			

In order to accelerate actions for reducing deaths due to childhood Pneumonia, an initiative named “Social Awareness and Actions to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully (SAANS)” has been launched in 2019.

The SAANS initiative encompasses three pronged strategies:

- i) Guidelines on treatment and management of childhood Pneumonia including introduction of use of Amoxicillin by ANM;
- ii) Capacity building of service providers for identification and standardized management of Pneumonia; and
- iii) Communication campaign to ensure greater awareness on childhood Pneumonia among families and parents.

Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) has been introduced in all the States/ UTs under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) for reduction in child mortality due to Pneumonia.

Communication and awareness packages on Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) were developed and package was shared with all States/UTs for creating widespread mass awareness about the PCV availability under the Universal Immunization Programme.