

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

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *261
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH MARCH, 2026**

MEASURES TO REDUCE NMR AND U5MR

***261 # SHRI RAJIB BHATTACHARJEE:**

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

- (a) the current status of Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) and Under-five Mortality Rate (U5MR) in the country, State/Union Territory-wise;
- (b) the concrete steps taken by Government to further reduce NMR and U5MR in the country;
- (c) the key components of the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK); and
- (d) the number of children screened and treated under the programme during the last five years, year-wise and State/Union Territory-wise details thereof?

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

- (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a) As per Sample Registration System (SRS) 2023 Report of Registrar General of India, the Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) is 19 per 1000 live births and Under 5 Mortality Rate (U5MR) is 29 per 1000 live births at National level.

The State/ UT wise details of NMR and U5MR is placed at Annexure I.

(b) The Steps taken by Government to further reduce NMR and U5MR in the country are as follows:

- Promotion of institutional deliveries through cash incentive under Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY);
- Under Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK), pregnant mother and sick infants up to one year of age are entitled to free treatment in public health institutions along with the provision of free transport, diagnostics, medicines, blood and consumables;
- Establishment of Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs)/Special Newborn Care Units (SNCU) and Newborn Stabilization Units (NBSUs) for care of sick and small babies;
- Home Based Newborn Care (HBNC) and Home Based Care of Young Child provided by ASHAs to improve child rearing practices;
- Mothers' Absolute Affection programme (MAA) to promote early initiation and exclusive breastfeeding for first six months;
- Promotion of ORS and Zinc for management of diarrhoea in children under STOP Diarrhoea Campaign;
- Early screening, identification and management of pneumonia under Social Awareness and Actions to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully (SAANS);
- Under Universal Immunization Programme, provision of 11 vaccines to protect children against 12 vaccine-preventable diseases;

- In addition, Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) provides child health screening and early intervention services for defects, diseases, deficiencies and delays to improve the quality of survival.

The interventions are implemented under National Health Mission (NHM) based on the Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP).

(c) Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) is a program under the National Health Mission for early identification and management of 4Ds- Defect at birth, Diseases, Deficiencies and Developmental delays among children from birth to 18 years. Children diagnosed with identified health conditions are provided early intervention services and follow-up care.

The major interventions under RBSK are as follows:

- i. Comprehensive newborn screening at delivery points to screen birth defects of the newborn.
 - ii. Community screening for children in the age group 0-18 years of age by Mobile Health Team.
 - (a) At the Anganwadi (Twice a year)
 - (b) At Government schools (once a year)
 - iii. Screening of the children by the ASHA through the Home based New born care program as a part of Early Childhood Development (Home visit).
 - iv. Therapeutic management of the identified children at the District Early Intervention Centres (DEIC) and Tertiary care centers.
- (d) The number of children screened and treated under the RBSK programme during the last 5 years, year-wise and State/ UT-wise is placed at Annexure II.

Annexure I

| Status of NMR and U5MR in 22 Larger States and UTs | | |
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| | Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) | Under 5 Mortality Rate (U5MR) |
| India | 19 | 29 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 16 | 21 |
| Assam | 21 | 33 |
| Bihar | 18 | 27 |
| Chhattisgarh | 26 | 41 |
| Delhi | 9 | 16 |
| Gujarat | 15 | 23 |
| Haryana | 19 | 30 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 11 | 17 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 10 | 15 |
| Jharkhand | 20 | 32 |
| Karnataka | 11 | 17 |
| Kerala | 4 | 8 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 27 | 44 |
| Maharashtra | 11 | 16 |
| Odisha | 21 | 35 |
| Punjab | 12 | 22 |
| Rajasthan | 21 | 34 |
| Tamil Nadu | 9 | 13 |
| Telangana | 14 | 22 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 26 | 42 |
| Uttarakhand | 14 | 23 |
| West Bengal | 13 | 18 |
| <i>Source: Sample Registration System, RGI Report</i> | | |
| India - SAMPLE REGISTRATION SYSTEM (SRS)-STATISTICAL REPORT 2023 | | |
| Unit: Per 1000 live births | | |

Annexure II

(No. In Lakh)

| | | 2020-21 | | 2021-22 | | 2022-23 | | 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | |
|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
| S. No. | State/ UTs | Number of Screened Children | Children availed Secondary/ Tertiary Care for 4Ds | Number of Screened Children | Children availed Secondary/ Tertiary Care for 4Ds | Number of Screened Children | Children availed Secondary/ Tertiary Care for 4Ds | Number of Screened Children | Children availed Secondary/ Tertiary Care for 4Ds | Number of Screened Children | Children availed Secondary/ Tertiary Care for 4Ds |
| 1 | Andaman & Nicobar | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.24 | 0.02 | 0.34 | 0.03 | 0.35 | 0.02 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | 4.39 | 0.34 | 7.24 | 1.93 | 6.06 | 1.06 | 15.79 | 2.53 | 40.55 | 2.14 |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | 0.04 | 0.01 | 1.25 | 0.02 | 1.54 | 0.01 | 2.97 | 0.01 | 3.59 | # 30 |
| 4 | Assam | 18.36 | 0.64 | 30.27 | 1.20 | 74.44 | 4.12 | 80.67 | 6.40 | 100.69 | 9.19 |
| 5 | Bihar | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 92.07 | 1.62 | 127.75 | 2.01 | 60.61 | 1.93 |
| 6 | Chandigarh | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.61 | 0.24 | 1.54 | 0.34 | 1.77 | 0.33 | 1.87 | 0.30 |
| 7 | Chhattisgarh | 0.00 | 0.00 | 18.81 | 0.04 | 32.79 | 0.14 | 61.56 | 0.29 | 79.94 | 0.87 |
| 8 | Dadra & Nagar Haveli and DD | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.26 | 0.01 | 0.65 | 0.02 | 0.66 | 0.01 | 2.00 | 0.01 |
| 9 | Goa | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4.23 | 0.05 | 4.24 | 0.06 | 4.27 | 0.04 |
| 10 | Gujarat | 0.00 | 0.00 | 75.29 | 9.61 | 198.29 | 18.53 | 195.09 | 25.44 | 223.59 | 14.63 |
| 11 | Haryana | 5.84 | 0.54 | 16.69 | 2.25 | 38.43 | 12.66 | 44.16 | 6.16 | 46.87 | 5.91 |
| 12 | Himachal Pradesh | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.96 | # 98 | 10.91 | # 107 | 11.25 | 0.13 |

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| 13 | Jammu & Kashmir | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.88 | 0.00 | 23.48 | 1.88 | 25.35 | 1.36 | 24.97 | 1.43 |
| 14 | Jharkhand | 0.00 | 0.00 | 12.74 | 0.34 | 47.59 | 2.29 | 70.57 | 1.11 | 71.39 | 0.71 |
| 15 | Karnataka | 92.82 | 2.47 | 99.41 | 4.48 | 128.34 | 7.83 | 126.61 | 12.30 | 119.30 | 33.16 |
| 16 | Kerala | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.46 | 0.01 | 16.83 | 0.10 | 27.50 | 0.02 | 42.18 | 4.61 |
| 17 | Ladakh | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.12 | 0.00 | 0.99 | 0.01 | 0.95 | 0.02 | 0.86 | 0.05 |
| 18 | Madhya Pradesh | 22.16 | 1.27 | 89.82 | 4.34 | 140.77 | 9.17 | 139.14 | 8.97 | 144.54 | 8.50 |
| 19 | Maharashtra | 28.40 | 0.14 | 158.63 | 3.79 | 247.32 | 9.19 | 254.74 | 8.50 | 241.47 | 15.04 |
| 20 | Manipur | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.36 | 0.01 | 2.93 | 0.01 | 2.26 | 0.02 |
| 21 | Meghalaya | 0.66 | 0.09 | 3.34 | 0.13 | 8.56 | 0.17 | 9.17 | 0.39 | 8.20 | 0.41 |
| 22 | Mizoram | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.42 | 0.00 | 3.21 | 0.08 | 3.57 | 0.12 | 3.39 | 0.11 |
| 23 | Nagaland | 0.08 | 0.00 | 0.58 | 0.00 | 1.32 | 0.00 | 1.57 | # 99 | 1.65 | # 40 |
| 24 | Odisha | 13.25 | 0.61 | 40.47 | 3.16 | 122.28 | 7.77 | 122.24 | 7.14 | 123.83 | 11.20 |
| 25 | Puducherry | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.68 | 0.00 | 2.38 | 0.26 | 2.00 | # 556 | 2.34 | 0.01 |
| 26 | Punjab | 0.55 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 31.98 | 0.43 | 33.41 | 0.36 | 39.57 | 0.28 |
| 27 | Rajasthan | 0.00 | 0.00 | 37.48 | 1.55 | 85.98 | 3.15 | 99.55 | 1.92 | 60.00 | 2.25 |
| 28 | Sikkim | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.27 | 0.00 | 0.76 | 0.02 | 0.91 | 0.02 | 1.17 | 0.01 |
| 29 | Tamil Nadu | 5.73 | 0.00 | 167.76 | 2.03 | 252.90 | 4.01 | 144.89 | 3.22 | 149.76 | 2.52 |

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| 30 | Telangana | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10.72 | 0.51 | 40.03 | 1.06 | 52.63 | 1.95 | 65.72 | 1.87 |
| 31 | Tripura | 1.31 | 0.05 | 3.65 | 0.18 | 5.19 | # 313 | 8.02 | # 423 | 8.00 | 0.33 |
| 32 | Uttar Pradesh | 28.21 | 0.31 | 73.42 | 1.40 | 235.16 | 7.08 | 309.21 | 9.73 | 349.68 | 13.50 |
| 33 | Uttarakhand | 0.90 | 0.02 | 12.03 | 0.05 | 20.88 | 0.20 | 19.74 | 0.26 | 19.60 | 0.29 |
| 34 | West Bengal | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 126.53 | 8.66 | 174.31 | 11.81 | 174.69 | 12.08 |
| TOTAL (Lakhs) | | 222.70 | 6.49 | 866.36 | 37.28 | 1998.09 | 101.94 | 2174.95 | 112.48 | 2230.15 | 143.55 |

Note1: Community level screening through Mobile Health teams was disrupted during COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-21 and 2021-22 as Anganwadi and schools were closed.

Note2: As per information received from Delhi Health Services Government of NCT of Delhi - 2.08 lakh children screened in FY 2022-23; 2.06 lakh children screened & 0.04 lakh children availed secondary/tertiary care in FY 2023-24 and 15.78 lakh children screened & 0.7 lakh children availed secondary/tertiary care in FY 2024-25.

Note3: As per available data, Lakshadweep has screened 0.11 lakh children in FY 2023-24 and 0.16 lakh children in FY 2024-25.

The figure represent in the absolute number of cases managed due to small population in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Lakshadweep, Nagaland, Puducherry and Tripura.
