

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*42**  
ANSWERED ON 22.07.2026

**INFANT MORTALITY RATE**

\*42. SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P:

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

- (a) the State-wise/UT-wise Infant Mortality Rate (IMR), Under-Five Mortality Rate (U5MR) and Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) in the country, as per the latest available data;
- (b) the trends in these indicators during each of the last three years, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (c) the States/UTs with mortality rates higher than the national average and the reasons identified for it;
- (d) the details of Central assistance provided to States/UTs for reducing child mortality during the last three years, State-wise/UT-wise; and
- (e) the measures taken by Government to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals relating to child survival and reduce regional disparities in child mortality?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 42 FOR REPLY ON 22.07.2026 REGARDING INFANT MORTALITY RATE ASKED BY SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P.**

(a) to (c) As per the latest Sample Registration System Report (SRS) 2024 of Registrar General of India (RGI), Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) is 24 per 1000 live births, Under 5 Mortality Rate (U5MR) is 28 per 1000 live births and Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) is 18 per 1000 live births. State/ UT wise details of NMR, IMR and U5MR as per SRS-RGI report for the period 2022 to 2024 is placed in **Annexures I (a), I (b) and I (c)** respectively.

Mortality rates are influenced by multiple inter-related demographic, socio-economic and health system factors. These include variations in health and nutritional status, education, immunization coverage, care-seeking behaviour, sanitation and hygiene, geographical accessibility to health facilities, and other social determinants of health.

(d) The details of expenditure under Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) services to States/UTs for last three years under National Health Mission(NHM) are placed at **Annexure II**.

(e) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) supports in implementation of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health and Nutrition (RMNCAH + N) strategy under National Health Mission (NHM) based on the Annual Program Implementation Plan (APIP) submitted by respective States and UTs. The details of interventions to improve child health outcomes all across the country to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals relating to child survival, are placed as below:

- 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;
- Special New-born Care Units (SNCUs)/ Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs) are established at District Hospital and Medical College level, Newborn Stabilization Units (NBSUs) are established at First Referral Units (FRUs)/ Community Health Centres (CHCs) for care of sick and small babies. Mother Newborn Care Units (MNCUs) have been established to ensure 'zero separation', enabling 24×7 integrated care of sick and small newborns together with their mothers while promoting family participatory care.
- Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) has been implemented at facility and community level to low birth weight/ pre-term infants that includes early and prolonged skin-to-skin contact with the mother or family member and exclusive and frequent breastfeeding.
- Under Home Based New-born Care (HBNC) and Home-Based Care of Young Children (HBYC) program, home visits are performed by Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) to improve child-rearing practices and to identify sick newborn and young

children in the community. Building on these initiatives, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has recently released the Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram (SSBSK), a unified national programme that integrates HBNC and HBYC into a single continuum of home and community-based care for every child from birth to 36 months, with the vision of "पहले तीन साल सम्पूर्ण देखभाल".

- 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. Recently, MoHFW released the RBSK 2.0 Operational Guidelines, expanding the programmatic framework to include emerging child health priorities. Under this initiative, the Ministry also released the Guidance Document on Diabetes Mellitus in Children, which provides a standardized national framework for the screening, diagnosis, treatment and long-term management of diabetes among children.

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**ANNEXURE I (A), ANNEXURE I (B) AND ANNEXURE I (C) REFERRED TO IN  
REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED Q. NO. 42 TO BE  
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**Annexure I (a)**

| <b>Status of Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) at National level and in larger States/ UTs</b>                                                                                                                                                         |                             |             |             |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>S. No</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Name of the State/UT</b> | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>India</b>                | <b>19</b>   | <b>19</b>   | <b>18</b>   |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Andhra Pradesh              | 15          | 16          | 14          |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Assam                       | 22          | 21          | 20          |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Bihar                       | 19          | 18          | 17          |
| 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Chhattisgarh                | 27          | 26          | 26          |
| 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Delhi                       | 8           | 9           | 7           |
| 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Gujarat                     | 15          | 15          | 15          |
| 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Haryana                     | 18          | 19          | 17          |
| 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Himachal Pradesh            | 12          | 11          | 8           |
| 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Jammu & Kashmir             | 10          | 10          | 10          |
| 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Jharkhand                   | 18          | 20          | 19          |
| 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Karnataka                   | 12          | 11          | 11          |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Kerala                      | 5           | 4           | 6           |
| 13                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Madhya Pradesh              | 29          | 27          | 26          |
| 14                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Maharashtra                 | 11          | 11          | 10          |
| 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Odisha                      | 23          | 21          | 20          |
| 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Punjab                      | 12          | 12          | 11          |
| 17                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Rajasthan                   | 21          | 21          | 21          |
| 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Tamil Nadu                  | 8           | 9           | 8           |
| 19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Telangana                   | 14          | 14          | 13          |
| 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Uttar Pradesh               | 27          | 26          | 25          |
| 21                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Uttarakhand                 | 15          | 14          | 13          |
| 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | West Bengal                 | 14          | 13          | 12          |
| <b>Source:</b> Sample Registration System Report of Registrar General of India<br><a href="https://censusindia.gov.in/census.website/data/SRSSTAT">https://censusindia.gov.in/census.website/data/SRSSTAT</a><br><b>Unit:</b> Per 1000 live births |                             |             |             |             |

## Annexure I (b)

| Status of Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) at National level and States/ UTs |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |           |           |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| S. No                                                                   | Name of the State/UT                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 2022      | 2023      | 2024      |
|                                                                         | <b>INDIA</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>26</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>24</b> |
| 1                                                                       | Andhra Pradesh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 20        | 19        | 18        |
| 2                                                                       | A&N Islands                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8         | 9         | 9         |
| 3                                                                       | Arunachal Pradesh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 19        | 20        | 17        |
| 4                                                                       | Assam                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 32        | 30        | 29        |
| 5                                                                       | Bihar                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 26        | 23        | 23        |
| 6                                                                       | Chandigarh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 8         | 7         | 6         |
| 7                                                                       | Chhattisgarh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 38        | 37        | 36        |
| 8                                                                       | D&N Haveli and Daman & Diu                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 7         | 9         | 9         |
| 9                                                                       | Delhi                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 12        | 14        | 11        |
| 10                                                                      | Goa                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 5         | 6         | 7         |
| 11                                                                      | Gujarat                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 20        | 20        | 19        |
| 12                                                                      | Haryana                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 26        | 26        | 24        |
| 13                                                                      | Himachal Pradesh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 17        | 14        | 11        |
| 14                                                                      | J & K                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 14        | 14        | 14        |
| 15                                                                      | Jharkhand                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 25        | 29        | 27        |
| 16                                                                      | Karnataka                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 15        | 14        | 15        |
| 17                                                                      | Kerala                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 7         | 5         | 8         |
| 18                                                                      | Ladakh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 5         | 4         | 3         |
| 19                                                                      | Lakshadweep                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 14        | 9         | 3         |
| 20                                                                      | Madhya Pradesh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 40        | 37        | 35        |
| 21                                                                      | Maharashtra                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 13        | 14        | 13        |
| 22                                                                      | Manipur                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3         | 3         | 2         |
| 23                                                                      | Meghalaya                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 30        | 34        | 31        |
| 24                                                                      | Mizoram                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 11        | 13        | 12        |
| 25                                                                      | Nagaland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 9         | 10        | 12        |
| 26                                                                      | Odisha                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 32        | 30        | 28        |
| 27                                                                      | Puducherry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 6         | 7         | 7         |
| 28                                                                      | Punjab                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 16        | 17        | 16        |
| 29                                                                      | Rajasthan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 30        | 29        | 28        |
| 30                                                                      | Sikkim                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 5         | 6         | 7         |
| 31                                                                      | Tamil Nadu                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 11        | 12        | 11        |
| 32                                                                      | Telangana                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 18        | 18        | 17        |
| 33                                                                      | Tripura                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 17        | 15        | 12        |
| 34                                                                      | Uttar Pradesh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 38        | 37        | 35        |
| 35                                                                      | Uttarakhand                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 21        | 20        | 19        |
| 36                                                                      | West Bengal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 17        | 17        | 16        |
|                                                                         | <b>Source:</b> Sample Registration System Report of Registrar General of India<br><a href="https://censusindia.gov.in/census.website/data/SRSSTAT">https://censusindia.gov.in/census.website/data/SRSSTAT</a><br><b>Unit:</b> Per 1000 live births |           |           |           |

## Annexure I (c)

| <b>Status of Under-5 Mortality Rate (U5MR) at National level and in larger States/ UTs</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |             |             |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>S. No</b>                                                                               | <b>Name of the State/UT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> |
|                                                                                            | <b>India</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>30</b>   | <b>29</b>   | <b>28</b>   |
| 1                                                                                          | Andhra Pradesh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 23          | 21          | 21          |
| 2                                                                                          | Assam                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 35          | 33          | 34          |
| 3                                                                                          | Bihar                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 29          | 27          | 25          |
| 4                                                                                          | Chhattisgarh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 41          | 41          | 39          |
| 5                                                                                          | Delhi                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 15          | 16          | 13          |
| 6                                                                                          | Gujarat                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 25          | 23          | 21          |
| 7                                                                                          | Haryana                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 31          | 30          | 29          |
| 8                                                                                          | Himachal Pradesh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 22          | 17          | 15          |
| 9                                                                                          | Jammu & Kashmir                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 17          | 15          | 15          |
| 10                                                                                         | Jharkhand                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 29          | 32          | 32          |
| 11                                                                                         | Karnataka                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 17          | 17          | 18          |
| 12                                                                                         | Kerala                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 9           | 8           | 9           |
| 13                                                                                         | Madhya Pradesh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 47          | 44          | 41          |
| 14                                                                                         | Maharashtra                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 16          | 16          | 15          |
| 15                                                                                         | Odisha                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 37          | 35          | 33          |
| 16                                                                                         | Punjab                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 19          | 22          | 19          |
| 17                                                                                         | Rajasthan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 35          | 34          | 34          |
| 18                                                                                         | Tamil Nadu                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 13          | 13          | 14          |
| 19                                                                                         | Telangana                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 22          | 22          | 20          |
| 20                                                                                         | Uttar Pradesh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 42          | 42          | 41          |
| 21                                                                                         | Uttarakhand                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 25          | 23          | 21          |
| 22                                                                                         | West Bengal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 20          | 18          | 19          |
|                                                                                            | <b>Source:</b> Sample Registration System Report of Registrar General of India<br><a href="https://censusindia.gov.in/census.website/data/SRSSTAT">https://censusindia.gov.in/census.website/data/SRSSTAT</a><br><b>Unit:</b> Per 1000 live births |             |             |             |

**ANNEXURE II REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (D) OF RAJYA SABHA  
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**Annexure II**

| <b>State/UT-wise Expenditure of RCH (including Routine Immunization (RI), Intensified Pulse Polio Immunization (IPPI), National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme (NIDDCP)) under National Health Mission for the FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26</b> |                                      |                |                |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Rs. In Lakhs</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                      |                |                |                |
| <b>S. No.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Name of the State/UT</b>          | <b>2023-24</b> | <b>2024-25</b> | <b>2025-26</b> |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Andaman and Nicobar Islands          | 90.25          | 193.12         | 167.97         |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Andhra Pradesh                       | 42,022.91      | 24,474.13      | 30,661.33      |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Arunachal Pradesh                    | 1,696.59       | 3,436.51       | 1,986.38       |
| 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Assam                                | 39,393.88      | 39,150.04      | 38,086.39      |
| 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Bihar                                | 95,436.88      | 93,956.52      | 58,752.88      |
| 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Chandigarh                           | 86.29          | 76.16          | 61.66          |
| 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Chhattisgarh                         | 20,549.57      | 23,347.10      | 25,343.49      |
| 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu | 127.14         | 384.66         | 327.27         |
| 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Delhi                                | 2,670.43       | 4,147.62       | 2,881.30       |
| 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Goa                                  | 479.81         | 605.13         | 403.65         |
| 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Gujarat                              | 66,368.46      | 44,407.68      | 31,065.88      |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Haryana                              | 15,572.71      | 13,173.19      | 15,559.08      |
| 13                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Himachal Pradesh                     | 4,533.62       | 5,490.95       | 7,948.76       |
| 14                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Jammu & Kashmir                      | 7,561.69       | 10,889.56      | 9,819.49       |
| 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Jharkhand                            | 44,734.05      | 47,124.90      | 52,831.71      |
| 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Karnataka                            | 32,608.26      | 22,344.75      | 13,657.58      |
| 17                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Kerala                               | 8,325.85       | 11,528.96      | 11,242.47      |
| 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Ladakh                               | 671.25         | 925.43         | 704.49         |
| 19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Lakshadweep                          | 66.87          | 70.11          | 57.24          |
| 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Madhya Pradesh                       | 82,393.31      | 75,246.84      | 69,825.66      |
| 21                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Maharashtra                          | 48,593.64      | 38,315.71      | 39,997.13      |
| 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Manipur                              | 1,070.52       | 2,705.87       | 4,892.32       |
| 23                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Meghalaya                            | 4,577.76       | 5,924.17       | 5,513.89       |
| 24                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Mizoram                              | 1,076.36       | 641.15         | 1,642.30       |
| 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Nagaland                             | 1,560.70       | 2,230.69       | 1,568.02       |
| 26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Odisha                               | 41,842.91      | 35,321.09      | 40,059.06      |
| 27                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Puducherry                           | 415.43         | 640.05         | 548.14         |
| 28                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Punjab                               | 19,912.43      | 10,552.15      | 6,417.76       |
| 29                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Rajasthan                            | 66,553.04      | 71,410.65      | 46,429.37      |
| 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Sikkim                               | 490.77         | 880.43         | 780.33         |
| 31                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Tamil Nadu                           | 34,324.41      | 36,086.45      | 28,285.97      |

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|----|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 32 | Telangana     | 11,610.24   | 19,615.24   | 11,760.48   |
| 33 | Tripura       | 3,853.70    | 3,667.77    | 4,307.16    |
| 34 | Uttar Pradesh | 1,65,068.31 | 1,33,369.39 | 1,21,710.97 |
| 35 | Uttarakhand   | 7,612.42    | 8,021.48    | 5,771.13    |
| 36 | West Bengal   | 50,412.63   | 40,181.79   | 41,822.08   |

Note: Expenditure includes expenditure against Central Release, State release & unspent balances at the beginning of the year. Expenditure is as per FMRs submitted by States/UTs and is provisional.

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