

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2963
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND DECEMBER, 2016**

LIFE EXPECTANCY

2963. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN AJMAL:

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

- (a) whether the life expectancy in the country has substantially increased since independence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to further increase the life expectancy of the people?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) & (b): Estimates based on the Sample Registration System (SRS) implemented by the Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India (ORGI), show that the average life expectancy at birth has increased over the years. The expectation of life for the country for the period 1970-75 to 2010-14 is annexed. Life expectancy has been calculated by ORGI based on SRS data for 1970-75 to 1986-90 at 5 years on average basis and from 1987-91 to 2010-14 on five years moving average basis.

(c): The initiatives taken by the Government to further increase the life expectancy include provision for accessible and quality health care services to the people, prevention, early diagnosis and treatment of diseases and life threatening conditions, availability of specialized health care services for pregnant women, children, senior citizen etc under National Health Mission through Health System Strengthening in rural and urban areas, Reproductive-Maternal-Neonatal-Child and Adolescent Health interventions and Communicable and Non-Communicable Disease Control Programmes etc. Further Government has also taken steps to improve other social health determinants such as accessibility to safe drinking water through National Rural Drinking Water Programme; Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan etc.

Expectation of life at birth in India, 1970-75 to 2010-14

Period	Mid-year	Expectation of life at birth (years)
1970-75	1973	49.7
1976-80	1978	52.3
1981-85	1983	55.4
1986-90	1988	57.7
1987-91	1989	58.3
1988-92	1990	58.7
1989-93	1991	59.4
1990-94	1992	60.0
1991-95	1993	60.3
1992-96	1994	60.7
1993-97	1995	61.1
1994-98	1996	61.4
1995-99#	1997	61.5
1996-00#	1998	61.9
1997-01#	1999	62.3
1998-02	2000	62.9
1999-03	2001	63.4
2000-04	2002	63.9
2001-05	2003	64.3
2002-06	2004	64.7
2003-07	2005	65.0
2004-08	2006	65.4
2005-09	2007	65.7
2006-10	2008	66.1
2007-11	2009	66.5
2008-12	2010	67.0
2009-13	2011	67.5
2010-14	2012	67.9

#: India does not include Jammu & Kashmir