

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4203
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST, 2017**

SURVIVAL OF NEWBORNS

4203. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

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

- (a) whether newborns in India have the least chances of survival;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted a comparative study with the international neighbouring counterparts and African continent and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has achieved a minimum level of health care targets towards Universal Health Coverage, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has any target period to achieve sustainable development in the areas of health care for the people of the country and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a) & (b): As per Sample Registration System (2015) report of Registrar General of India, the Neo-natal Mortality Rate at national level is 25 per 1000 live births.

(c): No.

(d) & (e):

- One of the stated objectives of the National Health Policy, 2017 is to progressively achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC). The primary vehicle to strengthen public health systems in the states for moving towards UHC is the National Health Mission - which subsumes both National Rural Health Mission and National Urban Health Mission.
- The National Health Policy, 2017 has set specific Quantitative Goals and Objectives.

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- To achieve Universal Healthcare the Central Government is supporting States under NHM for provision of a host of free services including for maternal health, child health, adolescent health, family planning, universal immunisation programme, and for major diseases such as Tuberculosis, HIV/ AIDS, vector borne diseases such as Malaria, Dengue and Kala Azar, Leprosy etc. Other major initiatives for which states are being supported include Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK), Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK), implementation of NHM Free Drugs and Free Diagnostics Service Initiatives, PM National Dialysis Programme and implementation of National Quality Assurance Framework.
- The Ministry is also supporting States under NHM for rolling out comprehensive primary care and universal population based screening for five common NCDs, namely, Diabetes, hypertension, oral cancer and cancer of the breast and cervix.