

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1366
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND DECEMBER, 2017**

ADOLESCENT HEALTH

1366. SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) maintains data on married and unmarried pregnant females aged between 15-18;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the manner in which the Government keeps track of adolescent health within the age bracket of 10-19 years?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): Yes, the information inter-alia on reproduction was collected from all women aged 15-49 years in selected households through women questionnaire in National Family Health Surveys (NFHSs) since NFHS-3 (2005-06). A statement indicating percentage of women age 15-19 years who have had a live birth or who are pregnant with their first child, and percentage who have begun childbearing, by background characteristics, India, from NFHS-4 (2015-16) is annexed. However, unmarried adolescent women didn't report any pregnancy in NFHS 3 and NFHS 4.

(c): Ministry of Health & Family Welfare launched Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) in 2014. The programme envisions enabling all adolescents (10-19 years) in India to realize their full potential by making informed and responsible decisions related to their health and wellbeing and by accessing the services and support they need to do so. There is a provision for establishing Adolescent Friendly Health Clinics (AFHCs) under RKSK at various levels of health facilities. These act as the first level of contact with adolescents for clinical and counselling services.

Client data from these Adolescent Friendly Health Clinics are shared by States with Government of India on quarterly basis.

Annexure

Percentage of women age 15-19 years who have had a live birth or who are pregnant with their first child, and percentage who have begun childbearing, by background characteristics, India, 2015-16

Background characteristic	Percentage of women age 15-19 years who:		Percentage of women age 15-19 years who have begun childbearing	Number of women
	Have had a live birth	Are pregnant with first child		
Residence				
Urban	3.3	1.7	5.0	36,936
Rural	6.0	3.2	9.2	84,597
Schooling				
No schooling	14.0	6.2	20.2	8,395
<5 years complete	10.6	4.9	15.5	3,512
5-7 years complete	8.9	4.4	13.2	13,729
8-9 years complete	4.8	2.5	7.2	36,505
10-11 years complete	3.4	1.9	5.3	35,230
12 or more years complete	2.5	1.9	4.4	24,162
Marital status				
Never married	0.0	0.0	0.0	102,822
Currently married	33.7	17.8	51.5	18,492
Widowed/divorced/separated/deserted	30.3	3.3	33.6	219
Religion				
Hindu	5.1	2.7	7.8	95,848
Muslim	5.9	3.1	9.0	19,915
Christian	4.7	1.8	6.4	2,391
Sikh	1.8	0.9	2.7	1,574
Buddhist/Neo-Buddhist	6.0	1.4	7.4	978
Jain	1.2	0.0	1.2	150
Other	11.8	5.4	17.3	678
Caste/tribe				
Scheduled caste	5.7	3.0	8.8	25,906
Scheduled tribe	7.6	3.0	10.5	11,605
Other backward class	4.4	2.6	7.0	54,030
Other	5.0	2.5	7.5	29,227
Don't know	12.3	5.1	17.5	765
Wealth index				
Lowest	7.0	3.6	10.6	25,242
Second	7.1	3.5	10.6	27,369
Middle	5.6	2.8	8.3	26,001
Fourth	3.7	2.2	5.9	23,383
Highest	1.5	1.1	2.5	19,538
Total	5.2	2.7	7.9	121,533