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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2007 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th DECEMBER, 2017

CHILD HEALTH AND MORTALITY PREVENTION SURVEILLANCE

2007. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV: SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:

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

- (a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has decided to conduct a global study called Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance (CHAMPS) to identify the real cause or causes of death in children below five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of foreign agencies which have expressed desire to assist the Government in conducting the study;
- (d) whether child mortality rate is very high in rural areas of the country; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to address the problem of child mortality in an effective way?

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

- (a): No.
- (b) & (c): Does not arise.
- (d) & (e): No such centralised data is available in the Department of Health Research.