

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 108  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018  
NEWBORN DEATHS**

**\*108. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:**

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

- (a) whether newborn children have died in various parts of the country due to non-supply of oxygen in time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken/being taken by the Government to prevent such cases in future?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA  
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(a) to (c): As per information received from states, there are no such incidents reported where death of newborn children occurred due to lack of life saving oxygen. However, improving the survival of newborn is one of the priority area under National Health Mission as nearly 60% of under five child mortality is contributed by newborn mortality. The various interventions to address newborn mortality inter-alia are promotion of institutional deliveries, ensuring essential newborn care at all delivery points, establishment of Special Newborn Care Units (SNCUs) for care of sick newborn & Home Based Newborn Care (HBNC) through ASHAs and ANM.

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