

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1201
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 2018**

DIARRHOEA AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES AMONG CHILDREN

1201. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

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

- (a) whether there is an increase in the cases of diarrhoea and other contagious diseases among the children;
- (b) if so, the measures being taken by the Government for prevention of the same; and
- (c) the State-wise details of the children those who died of diarrhoea and other contagious diseases during the last three years?

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

(a) to (c) As per National Family Health Survey (NFHS), the prevalence of diarrhoea among under 5 years children was 9.0% in 2005 and 9.2% in 2015. The state-wise specific data on cases of diarrhoea and other contagious diseases among the children is not maintained at this Ministry.

Under National Health Mission, intensive efforts are made to promote community awareness on prevention and control of diarrhea among under five children by administration of ORS and zinc, continuing feeding during diarrheal episodes and early care seeking for diarrheal child. Further, an Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight is also implemented during July – August month of every year where ASHA workers make home visits and distribute ORS packets and counsel mothers on prevention and control of diarrhoea.

Besides the above, the Government of India promotes Swachha Bharat and use of safe water.

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