

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 681
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th JULY, 2018**

DEATHS OF CHILDREN DUE TO PNEUMONIA

681. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

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

- (a) whether the number of children dying of Pneumonia is on the increase in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has constituted any Committee to look into this issue and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any specific policy/scheme to deal with Pneumonia, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the necessary steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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

- (a): Information on deaths in under-five children due to pneumonia is not maintained centrally.
- (b): No.
- (c) & (d):
 - Under Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illness (IMNCI) programme of National Health Mission, health service providers such as medical officers and staff nurses are trained on diagnosis and treatment of childhood pneumonia cases. The frontline workers such as ANMs and ASHAs are also oriented on screening and referral of childhood pneumonia cases to the nearest health facilities for appropriate treatment.
 - Under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), the following vaccines are provided to prevent pneumonia among children:
 - Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) provides protection against pneumococcal pneumonia. PCV has been introduced since 2017 in a phased manner and is available in the States of Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and parts of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.
 - Pentavalent vaccine (DPT+HepB+Hib) also provides protection against pneumonia.
 - Measles vaccine protects children from measles disease and its complications such as pneumonia.