

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1609  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2023**

**LIFE EXPECTANCY RATE**

**1609. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the life expectancy rate is well below the estimated global average life expectancy of 72.6 years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the main reason for low life expectancy is under five mortality; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent under five mortality rate?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) & (b): As per the latest report titled Sample Registration System (SRS) based Abridged Life Table 2016-20 published by the Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, Government of India, the average life expectancy at birth has increased from 49.7 during 1970-75 to 70.0 during the year 2016-20 registering an increase of more than 20 years during this period.

(c) & (d): As per the SRS Report 2020 published by the Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, Government of India, the country has experienced notable improvement in child mortality by reducing the Under Five Mortality Rate (Per 1,000 live births) from 43 in the year 2015 to 32 in the year 2020. The Ministry of Health and Family

Welfare (MoHFW), Govt. of India provides support to States/UTs in the implementation of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health and Nutrition (RMNCAH+N) Strategy under National Health Mission (NHM) based on the Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) submitted by the States/UTs for improving the overall health of the children in the country. Some of the key interventions of Government of India are Facility Based New-born Care, Community Based care of New-born and Young Children, Mothers' Absolute Affection (MAA) Programme, Social Awareness and Actions to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully (SAANS) Initiative, Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakaram (RBSK), Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs), Intensified Diarrhea Control Fortnight / Defeat Diarrhea (D2) Initiative, Anaemia Mukh Bharat (AMB) Strategy, etc.

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