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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 385 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st July 2023

INFANT MORTALITY RATE

385: SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

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

- (a) The number of births per day;
- (b) The number of newborn deaths per day along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) Whether the Government has formulated any working committee to address this issue to understand and minimize such cases in the country; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (d):

As per latest Sample Registration Survey Report of Registrar General of India, Birth Rate is 19.5 per 1000 population and Neonatal Mortality Rate is 20 per 1000 Live Births in 2020 at National level.

As per Cause of Death Statistics 2017-19 released by Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India; major causes of new-borns deaths in India are Prematurity & low birth weight (45.5%), Birth asphyxia & birth trauma (15.1%), Neonatal Pneumonia (12.6%), Other non-communicable diseases (8.0%), Sepsis (5.2%), Congenital anomalies (4.9%), Ill-defined or cause unknown (4.5%), Diarrhoeal diseases (2.1%), Fever of unknown origin (1.1%), Injuries (0.6%), and All Other Remaining Causes (0.4%).

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare issued Guidelines on Child Death Review in 2014 for formulation of various committees to review Child Deaths at State, District and Facility Level to take corrective measures based on causes of child deaths.

In order to bring down newborn mortality all across the country, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) supports all States/UTs in implementation of Reproductive, Maternal, New-born, Child, Adolescent health and Nutrition (RMNCAH+N) strategy under National Health Mission (NHM) based on the Annual Program Implementation Plan (APIP) submitted by States/ UTs.
