

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3178
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH DECEMBER, 2019**

MATERNAL AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES

**3178. SHRI A. RAJA:
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Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the maternal and infant mortality rates within the country, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government has aimed for zero preventable maternal and newborn deaths within the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is planning to launch a new scheme to meet this aim within the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the funds likely to be sanctioned for this, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu along with the number of facilities and services likely to be provided under this scheme?

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

(a): Registrar General of India provides estimates on fertility and mortality using the Sample Registration System (SRS), which does not generate maternal mortality data on yearly basis. Maternal deaths being a rare event, require prohibitively large sample size to provide robust estimates. In order to enhance the SRS sample size, the results are derived by pooling the three years data to yield reliable estimates of maternal mortality.

The details of the maternal mortality ratio and infant mortality rates within the country, State/UT- wise including Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year is placed at annexure A.

(b) to (e): In order to end all preventable maternal and newborn deaths, morbidities and to provide a positive birthing experience, MoHFW has launched the SUMAN initiative on 10th October 2019. The initiative aims to provide Assured, dignified, respectful and quality healthcare, at no cost and zero tolerance for denial of services, for every woman and newborn visiting the public health facility.

The main objectives of SUMAN are;

- Provide high quality medical and emergency services and referrals. Create a responsive health care system.
- Use institutional and other community-based platforms like NGOs, SHGs, PRIs, and elected representatives to spread awareness, mobilize the community and facilitate 100% reporting and review of Maternal Deaths.
- Develop and establish a system of continuous client feedback and redressal of grievances for maternity services.
- Create awareness; build capacities and motivation of service providers.
- Provide an interdepartmental platform for convergent action plans.
- Create steering committees for effective governance including formulating strategies, supervision and review of the program for corrective actions.

(f): “Public Health and Hospital” being a State Subject, the primary responsibility of provision of healthcare to all lies with respective State Government. However, under National Health Mission (NHM), every year proposals are received from all States/ UTs in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs). The PIPs are approved in the National Program Coordination Committee (NPCC) meetings and Record of Proceedings (RoPs) is drawn. The funds for SUMAN initiative, State/UT- wise including Tamil Nadu along with the number of facilities to be covered would be based on the requirements posed by States/UTs within their overall resource envelope.

State-wise Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR)

MMR-SRS				
Sl. No	India/States	2011-13	2014-16	2015-17
1	Andhra Pradesh	92	74	74
2	Assam	300	237	229
3	Bihar	208	165	165
4	Jharkhand	208	165	76
5	Gujarat	112	91	87
6	Haryana	127	101	98
7	India	167	130	122
8	Karnataka	133	108	97
9	Kerala	61	46	42
10	Madhya Pradesh	221	173	188
11	Chhatisgarh	221	173	141
12	Maharashtra	68	61	55
13	Odisha	222	180	168
16	Punjab	141	122	122
14	Rajasthan	244	199	186
15	Tamil Nadu	79	66	63
16	Telangana	92	81	76
17	Uttarakhand	285	201	89
18	Uttar Pradesh	285	201	216
19	West Bengal	113	101	94
20	Other States	126	97	96

As per SRS, the details of Infant mortality rates for last three years and current year-

Infant Mortality Rate (2014 to 2017)-SRS				
State/UTs	2014	2015	2016	2017
India	39	37	34	33
Tamil Nadu	20	19	17	16
Bihar	42	42	38	35
Chhattisgarh	43	41	39	38
Himachal Pradesh	32	28	25	22
Jammu & Kashmir	34	26	24	23
Jharkhand	34	32	29	29
Madhya Pradesh	52	50	47	47
Odisha	49	46	44	41
Rajasthan	46	43	41	38
Uttar Pradesh	48	46	43	41
Uttarakhand	33	34	38	32
Arunachal Pradesh	30	30	36	42
Assam	49	47	44	44
Manipur	11	9	11	12
Meghalaya	46	42	39	39
Mizoram	32	32	27	15
Nagaland	14	12	12	7
Sikkim	19	18	16	12
Tripura	21	20	24	29
Andhra Pradesh	39	37	34	32
Goa	10	9	8	9
Gujarat	35	33	30	30
Haryana	36	36	33	30
Karnataka	29	28	24	25
Kerala	12	12	10	10
Maharashtra	22	21	19	19
Punjab	24	23	21	21
Telangana	35	34	31	29
West Bengal	28	26	25	24
A & N Islands	22	20	16	14
Chandigarh	23	21	14	14
D & N Haveli	26	21	17	13
Daman & Diu	18	18	19	17
Delhi	20	18	18	16
Lakshadweep	20	20	19	20
Puducherry	14	11	10	11

Source: Sample Registration System Report of Registrar General of India