

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2561
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06TH MARCH, 2020**

WORLD PNEUMONIA DAY

**2561. SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
DR. HEENA GAVIT:
SHRI SELVAM G.:
SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has observed World Pneumonia Day, if so, the details of programmes launched and organized to eradicate pneumonia on this occasion;
- (b) whether the country has a high mortality rate due to pneumonia, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the number of children died due to pneumonia during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether cases of pneumonia are more in villages than in urban areas, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has formulated any specific policy/scheme to deal with pneumonia in villages, if so, the details thereof and if not the corrective steps taken in this regard; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to create awareness at grassroot level on preventing pneumonia through ASHA and Anganwadi workers?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

- (a): Yes, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on 16th November 2019 under National Health Mission has launched SAANS (Social Awareness and Actions to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully) initiative to observe World Pneumonia Day. The goal of SAANS initiative is to accelerate reduction in deaths due to Childhood Pneumonia in the country.
- (b): As per Sample Registration System report (2010-13), 17.1% of child mortality in India is due to Pneumonia.

The State/UT-wise number of deaths in children due to pneumonia as reported in Health Management Information System (HMIS) in the last three years is at **Annexure**.

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(c): As per National Family Health Survey -4 (2015-16), the prevalence of Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) including Pneumonia in under 5 children is more in rural areas i.e 2.9 % than in urban areas i.e 2.3 %.

(d): The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare under Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent health and Nutrition (RMNCHA+N) program of National Health Mission has formulated SAANS (Social Awareness and Actions to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully) Initiative to reduce deaths due to Childhood Pneumonia for villages as well as urban areas.

The SAANS initiative encompasses a three tiered strategy: i) National Childhood Pneumonia Management Guidelines on treatment and management of Childhood Pneumonia; ii) Skill building and training of service providers for identification and standardized management of Pneumonia; and iii) a 360⁰ communication SAANS Campaign to ensure greater awareness on childhood Pneumonia among families and parents in order to trigger behaviour change and improve care seeking.

In addition to SAANS initiative, following interventions are also being implemented to address Childhood Pneumonia:

- Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) focuses on Measles, Haemophilus Influenzae (B) and Pneumococcal Vaccine for prevention of pneumonia.
- Early initiation and exclusive breastfeeding for first six months and appropriate Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices are promoted under Mothers' Absolute Affection (MAA) initiative.
- Facility based-Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illness (F-IMNCI) training to build capacity of Medical Officer and Nurses in Primary Health Centres, First Referral Unit, Community Health Centres, and District Hospital on Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) Management.

(e): Under SAANS initiative a comprehensive communication campaign has been developed to trigger behaviour change for protection and prevention from Childhood Pneumonia and to improve care seeking. The campaign includes use of mass media such as television, radio, community radio, social media, banners and posters in community and facilities to create awareness.

The States /UTs are being supported through their Annual Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) for undertaking capacity building and orientation of grassroot level workers including ASHAs and anganwadi workers on interpersonal communication, identification and appropriate referral of Childhood Pneumonia cases under SAANS initiative.

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Annexure

Number of deaths in Under 5 Children due to Pneumonia as reported by States/UTs in HMIS from 2017-2019

S.No	States/UTs	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
	All India	14949	16282	10015
1	A & N Islands	0	10	4
2	Andhra Pradesh	437	576	163
3	Arunachal Pradesh	12	10	6
4	Assam	793	1050	448
5	Bihar	544	836	470
6	Chandigarh	51	45	11
7	Chhattisgarh	646	669	565
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	17	26	11
9	Daman & Diu	2	0	
10	Delhi	792	817	296
11	Goa	7	11	6
12	Gujarat	1166	1337	520
13	Haryana	456	138	184
14	Himachal Pradesh	68	52	56
15	Jammu & Kashmir	114	45	38
16	Jharkhand	236	225	100
17	Karnataka	625	691	372
18	Kerala	111	157	5
19	Lakshadweep	2	0	1
20	Madhya Pradesh	1977	1907	1497
21	Maharashtra	1015	980	781
22	Manipur	9	13	12
23	Meghalaya	409	429	632
24	Mizoram	67	85	75
25	Nagaland	29	31	24
26	Odisha	1262	1125	1012
27	Puducherry	42	52	4
28	Punjab	153	205	130
29	Rajasthan	1198	1676	1482
30	Sikkim	11	6	3
31	Tamil Nadu	267	396	89
32	Telangana	182	189	65
33	Tripura	57	81	98
34	Uttar Pradesh	568	990	118
35	Uttarakhand	49	32	14
36	West Bengal	1575	1390	723