

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2127**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.09.2020

**IMPROVEMENT IN NUTRITION LEVEL**

2127. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any Committee has been constituted to look into issues relating to age of motherhood, reduction of Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) and improve the nutrition levels; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has constituted committees to look into the matters related to reduction of Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) at the following levels:

- **National level:** National Level Maternal Death Surveillance & Response Committee (NMDSRC).
- **State level:** State Level Monitoring and Review Committee for MDR (SMRC-MDR)
- **District level:** District Maternal Death Review Committee.

Also, a Task Force has been constituted by the Government vide notification dated 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 to examine the correlation of age of marriage and motherhood with (i) health, medical well-being and nutritional status of mother and neonate/infant/child, during pregnancy, birth and thereafter, (ii) key parameters like Infant Mortality Rate (IMR), Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR), Total Fertility Rate (TFR), Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB), Child Sex Ratio (CSR) etc. and (iii) any other relevant points pertaining to health and nutrition in this context.

Further, an Executive Committee has been set up under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development with representation of line Ministries and States for nutrition related activities for children and women providing direction, policy and guidelines for implementation of various programmes/schemes under the POSHAN Abhiyaan.

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