

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2218
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2020**

GUIDELINES FOR CAESAREAN DELIVERIES

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

- (a) whether the rate of caesarean deliveries across the country is higher than the developed countries, if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such deliveries performed during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the details of the standards declared by WHO for caesarean deliveries;
- (c) whether Government has put in place any guidelines and rules for cesarean deliveries and if so, the present status of compliance thereof by Government and private hospitals and if not, the corrective steps taken in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government and private hospitals and Nursing Homes are forcing the women patients and their family members to undergo caesarean operation even when it is not necessary;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against erring Government, private hospitals, nursing homes in this regard; and
- (f) the other steps taken by the Government to bring down C-section deliveries as per the WHO standards?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As per NFHS-4 (2015-16), the rate of caesarean deliveries in the country is 17.2% which is lower than the developed countries viz. Latin America and the Caribbean countries (40.5%), North America (32.3%), Oceania (31.1%), Europe (25%), Asia (19.2%) as per the WHO 2018 report.

The details of the C-section deliveries performed during the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise including Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh is given in Annexure as per HMIS.

(b) The standards declared by WHO for Caesarean deliveries state that at population level, caesarean section rates higher than 10% were not associated with reductions in rates of maternal and newborn mortality. It recommended the adoption of the Robson classification system, which facilitates comparison and analysis of caesarean rates within and between different facilities, and across countries and regions.

(c) & (f) Health is a State subject. However, MoHFW has taken the following steps to curb the rise in C-section;

- Conveyed the WHO Statement to all States/UTs urging them to share the same with all Obstetricians and Gynaecologists working in public health facilities in their respective States/UTs.
- Collaborated with Federation of Obstetrician and Gynaecologists in India (FOGSI) to share the WHO statement on C-section among all members.
- Under “LaQshya”- Labour room & maternity OT Quality Improvement Initiative, Caesarean section audit has been implemented in all LaQshya certified public health facilities to ensure that Caesarean sections are undertaken judiciously in only those cases requiring such surgical interventions
- All CGHS empanelled hospitals are directed to display the information regarding ratio of deliveries by caesarean section.

(d) & (e) No such information is available with the Government.

(f) As above.

Annexure

Sr. No	States/UTs	Number of C-section deliveries conducted at public facilities				Number of C-section deliveries conducted at private facilities			
		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Apr20-June20	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Apr20-June20
	AllIndia	1,756,951	1,897,546	1,860,189	365161	1,831,636	2,051,481	2,032,486	383437
1	A&NIslands	922	1,030	785	104	0	0	0	0
2	AndhraPradesh	89,514	94,202	92,261	20997	148,128	176,474	141,190	29942
3	ArunachalPradesh	2,640	2,027	2,430	354	773	998	1,062	259
4	Assam	62,993	68,092	67,707	11869	50,094	52,808	56,975	11116
5	Bihar	24,710	29,316	29,930	4979	15,964	16,531	17,476	1347
6	Chandigarh	9,413	9,595	9,218	1193	0	0	0	0
7	Chhattisgarh	19,374	20,179	21,597	5899	55,912	55,222	51,288	9633
8	Dadra&NagarHaveli	2,141	2,356	2,443	419	446	496	583	142
9	Daman&Diu	763	1,045	1,044	260	182	144	179	51
10	Delhi	52,544	55,204	53,475	9491	23,393	29,457	28,566	4300
11	Goa	3,589	3,430	3,234	902	4,133	4,313	4,618	1014
12	Gujarat	55,252	55,694	60,973	10791	132,062	131,979	142,580	19647
13	Haryana	31,665	35,919	36,889	7112	52,023	52,045	50,718	10877
14	HimachalPradesh	11,330	12,769	11,753	2848	5,801	5,722	5,894	1789
15	Jammu&Kashmir	57,863	62,388	63,889	14895	12,850	15,014	14,062	3915
16	Jharkhand	16,810	19,788	20,759	3308	36,954	36,400	32,014	3123
17	Karnataka	123,144	137,244	143,549	31605	133,139	142,641	144,780	31904
18	Kerala	56,563	57,853	55,033	13385	128,429	139,843	127,853	27407
19	Lakshadweep	323	353	327	109	0	0	0	0
20	MadhyaPradesh	71,622	81,073	78,713	17023	58,521	53,623	55,731	7854
21	Maharashtra	161,836	175,366	183,711	35865	188,963	225,528	236,823	49458
22	Manipur	4,200	4,626	6,582	1050	3,012	3,339	3,691	1001
23	Meghalaya	2,437	2,465	2,744	682	4,155	4,767	5,420	1122
24	Mizoram	1,858	1,976	1,906	360	1,262	1,295	462	308
25	Nagaland	1,612	1,412	1,588	94	1,242	1,442	1,441	385
26	Odisha	68,306	75,679	71,283	16058	26,042	60,104	50,804	10577
27	Puducherry	9,132	8,940	8,367	1591	4,950	5,100	1,122	200
28	Punjab	51,298	50,712	51,278	9604	77,192	84,361	86,914	18820
29	Rajasthan	89,504	98,754	95,358	17518	57,990	53,941	55,994	14045
30	Sikkim	1,472	1,293	1,702	453	691	1,194	1,038	376
31	TamilNadu	201,158	209,781	175,524	42482	211,022	223,019	173,399	36500
32	Telangana	129,273	142,477	126,840	30560	138,508	165,307	158,114	36101
33	Tripura	8,474	8,768	8,500	1973	2,699	2,348	4,476	1069
34	UttarPradesh	97,282	98,407	112,089	16181	55,733	91,358	188,779	29199
35	Uttarakhand	9,804	10,683	11,540	2068	7,138	9,527	6,640	1641
36	WestBengal	226,130	256,650	245,168	31079	192,233	205,141	181,800	18315

Sr. No	State-District	Number of C-section deliveries conducted at public facilities				Number of C-section deliveries conducted at private facilities			
		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Apr 20 - June 20	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Apr 20 - June 20
1	UP-Barabanki	2887	2786	3419	420	1497	1980	2297	32

Source: HMIS