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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 854
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH FEBRUARY, 2021

CHILD MORTALITY RATE

854. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

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

(a) whether the Government maintains data with regard to the new born/child mortality rate in the country if so, the details thereof during the last five years, State/ UT-wise;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to reduce new born or child mortality rate in the country;

(c) whether the Government has taken any focus/ special steps to reduce the new born/child mortality rate in the country including North-Eastern States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Tripura?

ANSWER

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

(a): Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report annually published by Registrar General of India contains the data regarding newborn and child mortality.

Newborn and child mortality at National level and Larger States/UTs covered under SRS for last 5 years (2014-18) are placed at Annexure 1 and 2.

(b) to (d): In order to bring down the mortality among newborn and children, the Government of India is supporting all States/UTs including North-Eastern States under National Health Mission in implementation of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent health and Nutrition (RMNCAH+N) strategies.

Special steps/ interventions related to reduction of newborn and child mortality include:

- Sick Newborn Care Units (SNCUs) established at District Hospital and Medical College level for care of sick and small babies.
- Newborn Stabilization Units (NBSUs) established at First Referral Units (FRUs)/ Community Health Centres (CHC) for care of sick and small babies
  (Details of SNCUs and NBSUs are placed at Annexure 3).

- Under Home Based Newborn Care (HBNC) and Home-Based Care of Young Children (HBYC) program, home visits by ASHAs are undertaken to improve child rearing practices and to identify sick new-born and young children in the community.

Other interventions include the following:

- 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).
- Social Awareness and Actions to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully (SAANS) initiative has been launched for reduction of Childhood morbidity and mortality due to Pneumonia.
- Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) is being supported to provide vaccination to children against life threatening diseases such as Tuberculosis, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Polio, Tetanus, Hepatitis B, Measles, Rubella, Pneumonia and Meningitis caused by Haemophilus Influenzae B. The Rotavirus vaccination has also been rolled out in the country for prevention of Rota-viral diarrhoea.
- Children from 0 to 18 years of age are screened for 30 health conditions (i.e. Diseases, Deficiencies, Defects and Developmental delay) under "Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakaram" (RBSK) to improve child survival. District early intervention center (DEIC) at district health facility level are established for confirmation and management of children screened under RBSK.
- Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) have been set up at public health facilities to treat and manage the children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) admitted with medical complications.
- Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight / Defeat Diarrhoea (D2) initiative has been launched for promoting ORS and Zinc use and for reducing diarrhoeal deaths.
- Anaemia Mukt Bharat (AMB) strategy as a part of Poshan Abhiyan aims to strengthen the existing mechanisms and foster newer strategies to tackle anaemia which include testing & treatment of anaemia in school going adolescents & pregnant women, addressing non nutritional causes of anaemia and a comprehensive communication strategy.
- Name based tracking of mothers and children till two years of age is done through RCH portal to ensure complete antenatal, intranatal, postnatal care and immunization as per schedule.
- Several capacity building programs of health care providers are undertaken for improving maternal and child survival and health outcomes.

Status of Neonatal Mortality Rate at National level and Larger States/UTs					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
India	**26**	**25**	**24**	**23**	23
Andhra Pradesh	26	24	23	23	21
Assam	26	25	23	22	21
Bihar	27	28	27	28	25
Chhattisgarh	28	27	26	26	29
Delhi	13	14	12	14	10
Gujarat	24	23	21	21	19
Haryana	23	24	22	21	22
Himachal Pradesh	25	19	16	14	13
Jammu & Kashmir	26	20	18	17	17
Jharkhand	25	23	21	20	21
Karnataka	20	19	18	18	16
Kerala	6	6	6	5	5
Madhya Pradesh	35	34	32	33	35
Maharashtra	16	15	13	13	13
Odisha	36	35	32	32	31
Punjab	14	13	13	13	13
Rajasthan	32	30	28	27	26
Tamil Nadu	14	14	12	11	10
Telangana	25	23	21	20	19
Uttar Pradesh	32	31	30	30	32
Uttarakhand	26	28	30	24	22
West Bengal	19	18	17	17	16
Source: Sample Registration System, Registrar General of India					

Status of Under 5 Mortality Rate at National level and Larger States/ UTs					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
India	**45**	**43**	**39**	**37**	**36**
Andhra Pradesh	40	39	37	35	33
Assam	66	62	52	48	47
Bihar	53	48	43	41	37
Chhattisgarh	49	48	49	47	45
Delhi	21	20	22	21	19
Gujarat	41	39	33	33	31
Haryana	40	43	37	35	36
Himachal Pradesh	36	33	27	25	23
Jammu & Kashmir	35	28	26	24	23
Jharkhand	44	39	33	34	34
Karnataka	31	31	29	28	28
Kerala	13	13	11	12	10
Madhya Pradesh	65	62	55	55	56
Maharashtra	23	24	21	21	22
Odisha	60	56	50	47	44
Punjab	27	27	24	24	23
Rajasthan	51	50	45	43	40
Tamil Nadu	21	20	19	19	17
Telangana	37	34	34	32	30
Uttar Pradesh	57	51	47	46	47
Uttarakhand	36	38	41	35	33
West Bengal	30	30	27	26	26
Source: Sample Registration System, Registrar General of India					

	Details of New Born Care Units supported under National Health Mission		
Sr. No		No. of Special Newborn Care Units (SNCUs)	No. of Newborn Stabilization Units (NBSUs)
1	Bihar	43	41
2	Chhattisgarh	23	134
3	Himachal Pradesh	16	49
4	Jharkhand	19	27
5	Madhya Pradesh	54	62
6	Odisha	40	45
7	Rajasthan	59	286
8	Uttar Pradesh	82	237
9	Uttarakhand	5	47
10	Arunachal Pradesh	5	12
11	Assam	28	196
12	Manipur	5	4
13	Meghalaya	5	17
14	Mizoram	5	3
15	Nagaland	3	16
16	Sikkim	2	3
17	Tripura	6	7
18	Andhra Pradesh	48	117
19	Goa	3	1
20	Gujarat	47	150
21	Haryana	26	66
22	Karnataka	42	176
23	Kerala	17	61
24	Maharashtra	52	179
25	Punjab	24	59
27	Tamil Nadu	73	147
26	Telangana	29	46
28	West Bengal	69	307
29	A & N Islands	1	6
30	Chandigarh	3	3
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	2	2
32	Delhi	20	0
33	Jammu & Kashmir	30	64
34	Ladakh	2	3
35	Lakshadweep	2	0
36	Puducherry	4	6
	India Total	894	2579