

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1105  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022**

**PNEUMONIA CASES**

**1105: SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:**

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

- (a) whether pneumonia is the major cause of death of the children;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government had launched any awareness campaign to reduce the mortality rate among children due to pneumonia;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any provisions have been made to impart training with the objective of preventing pneumonia; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE**

**(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) and (b): As per the Cause of Death Statistics report of Registrar General India (2015-17), Pneumonia is the 2nd highest cause of under 5 mortality contributing to 16.2% of deaths in that age group.

(c) and (d): In order to accelerate actions for reducing deaths due to childhood Pneumonia, an initiative named “Social Awareness and Actions to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully (SAANS)” has been launched in 2019.

The SAANS initiative encompasses three pronged strategies:

- i) Guidelines on treatment and management of childhood Pneumonia;
- ii) Capacity building of service providers for identification and standardized management of Pneumonia; and
- iii) Communication (SAANS) campaign during the period of November – February to ensure greater awareness on childhood Pneumonia among families and parents.

(e) and (f): A training package has been designed for early identification and standardized management of Pneumonia for Medical Officers, Staff Nurses, Community Health Officers, ANMs and ASHAs with the objective of preventing pneumonia deaths in children.

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