

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 71
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH NOVEMBER, 2024**

ACHIEVEMENTS OF SWACHH BHARAT MISSION

***71. DR. C M RAMESH:**

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

- (a) whether a study has been published in the science journal 'Nature' recently on the achievements of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Swachh Bharat Mission which provides access to toilets and better sanitation services has averted 60000-70000 infant deaths every year between 2014 and 2020 and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether infant mortality in Andhra Pradesh has come down by more than 35% and 38% in Telangana during the said period, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the manner in which the Union Government with the help of States, is planning to keep this momentum to achieve new goals?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b) A study published in 2024 in 'Nature' magazine has revealed that the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) has contributed significantly in reducing infant and under-five mortality rates across the country by saving 60,000–70,000 infant lives annually.

(c) As per the Sample Registration System (SRS) report of Registrar General of India, Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in the State of Andhra Pradesh has reduced from 39 per 1000 live births in 2014 to 24 per 1000 live births in 2020 and the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in the State of Telangana has reduced from 35 per 1000 live births in 2014 to 21 per 1000 live births in 2020.

(d) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) supports all States/UTs in implementation of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent health and Nutrition (RMNCAH+N) strategy under National Health Mission (NHM) based on the Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) to improve child survival in the country. These interventions include:

(i) Promotion of Institutional deliveries through cash incentive under Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY)

(ii) Entitlements under Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram (JSSK)

(iii) Establishment of Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs)/ Special Newborn Care Units (SNCU) and Newborn Stabilization Units (NBSUs) for care of sick and small babies

(iv) Home Based Newborn Care (HBNC) and Home Based Care of Young Child provided by ASHAs to improve child rearing practices

(v) Mothers' Absolute Affection programme (MAA) to promote early initiation and exclusive breastfeeding for first six months

(vi) Promote use of ORS and Zinc for management of diarrhoea in children

(vii) Early screening, identification and management on pneumonia under Social Awareness and Actions to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully (SAANS) and strengthening Paediatric Care for management of sick children at District Hospital level.

Also, Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) provides child health screening and early intervention services for defects, diseases, deficiencies and delays to improve the quality of survival.
