

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3378  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2015**

**FUNCTIONING OF SISHU BHAWAN**

**3378. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE:  
SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the reported death of infants at Sishu Bhawan in Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of Sishu Bhawan across the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the outcome of such review; and
- (e) the corrective action taken by the Government in this regard?

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

(a) & (b): Yes. Following the reports of cluster of deaths at Shishu Bhawan in Odisha, a central team of neonatal experts from hospitals of Delhi was deputed immediately to assess the reasons which led to these deaths. As per the report submitted by the team, in August 2015 there were 138 deaths out of total 1470 admissions. (Mortality Rate 9.38%). Out of 138 deaths 82 were newborn and the deaths were attributed to delay in care seeking and all of them were reportedly very sick at the time of admission.

As per the state report a comprehensive action plan for strengthening services at Shishu bhawan is being developed by the state of Odisha. This includes creating of additional beds in ward and ICU, new post for teaching, nonteaching doctors, staff nurses, pharmacists and post graduate to fill the gap of human resource. 24X7 functional blood storage unit, help desk, State newborn Care and Resource Centre for training of doctors and nurses will also contribute towards improving the newborn care at this hospital.

(c) to (e): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare under National Health Mission regularly reviews the functioning of Special Care Newborn Unit (SNCU) across the country through field visits, common review missions, facility assessment of SNCUs and service utilization reports from the state.

Based on these reports, the states are supported in terms of technical guidance, infrastructure, human resource including capacity building and logistics so as to improve the overall quality of newborn care at these units. The state wise details of the newborn services in SNCU is detailed in annexure.

## ANNEXURE

<b>SNCU Reports 2014-2015</b>				
<b>S No.</b>	<b>Name of the state</b>	<b>Total admission</b>	<b>Total Deaths</b>	<b>Mortality rate</b>
1	Andaman Islands	786	33	4.20
2	Andhra Pradesh	36845	3666	9.95
3	Arunachal Pradesh	127	10	7.87
4	Assam	31630	3538	11.19
5	Bihar	13788	2202	15.97
6	Chattisgarh	6043	633	10.47
7	Chandigarh	3307	358	10.83
8	Delhi	15856	934	5.89
9	Daman & Diu	222	31	13.96
10	Dadar&Nagar Haveli	1223	109	8.91
11	Gujarat	35978	4824	13.41
12	Goa	2317	128	5.52
13	Haryana	22244	927	4.17
14	Himachal Pradesh	6688	475	7.10
15	Jharkhand	751	97	12.92
16	Jammu and Kashmir	24285	1220	5.02
17	Karnataka	44493	5101	11.46
18	Kerala	16561	589	3.56
19	Lakshadweep	-	-	--
20	Meghalaya	2404	423	17.60
21	Manipur	-	-	--
22	Maharashtra	45858	4476	9.76
23	Mizoram	1054	82	7.78
24	Madhya P6radesh	85132	9586	11.26
25	Nagaland	412	18	4.37
26	Odisha	42767	4936	11.54
27	Puducherry	1720	35	2.03
28	Punjab	18450	1047	5.67
29	Rajasthan	80845	8092	10.01
30	Sikkim	1007	47	4.67
31	Tripura	3298	289	8.76
32	Telangana	8812	553	6.28
33	Tamilnadu	104000	7854	7.55
34	UttarPradesh	34276	2820	8.23
35	Uttarakhand	3389	387	11.42
36	West Bengal	60923	8261	13.56
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>757491</b>	<b>73781</b>	<b>9.74</b>