

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 287
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05TH AUGUST, 2016
HEALTH ISSUES RELATED TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

***287. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:**

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

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of ongoing programmes/strategy being implemented for women and children under the National Health Mission and if so, the outcome thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to relax the norms for opening up more healthcare centres in difficult areas in the country particularly rural areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA

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(a) Yes, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare regularly reviews the performance of ongoing programmes/ strategies being implemented for women and children under the National Health Mission through various surveys and institutional mechanisms. The outcome of the performance under National Health Mission is outlined below:

- **Reduction in Maternal mortality-** Maternal Mortality Ratio for India has declined from 254/ lakh live births in 2004-06 (SRS 2004-06) to 167/ lakh live births in 2011-13 (SRS 2011-13)
- **Reduction in Infant Mortality-** Infant Mortality Rate for India has declined from 58/ 1000 live births in 2005 (SRS 2005) to 39/ 1000 live births (SRS 2014) in the year 2014.
- **Total Fertility Rate** for India has declined from 2.9 in 2005 (SRS 2005) to 2.3 in 2013 (SRS 2013)
- **Eradication of Polio** –India has been certified as ‘Polio-free’ by WHO in March 2014
- **Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus (MNT)** has been eliminated from India in 2015
- **Institutional delivery** has shown a significant increase from 40.8% in 2004-06 (NFHS -3) to 78.7% (RSOC 2013-14)

(b)& (c) The Government has relaxed norms for setting up sub-centres in difficult hilly areas by introducing a new norm of “Time to care” Under this norm, a sub centre can be set up within 30 minutes of walk from habitation. There is no proposal to further relax the norm.
