

[English]

Birth and Death Rates

*795. SHRI SOBHANADRESWARA RAOVADDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative details of approximate birth, death and infant mortality rates in rural and urban areas as on January 1, 1992;

(b) the reasons for the wide gap in such rates between rural and urban areas; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the situation in rural areas in physical and monetary terms?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIM.L.FOTEDAR): (a) to (c). Annual estimates of birth, death and infant mortality rates for rural and urban areas as on January 1, 1992 are not yet available. However, the latest estimates (provisional) of the birth, death and infant mortality rates for rural and urban areas as available from the Sample Registration System relate to the year 1990 and are as follows:-

	<i>Birth Rate</i> (per 1000 population)	<i>Death Rate</i> (per 1000 population)	<i>Infant Morality Rate</i> (per 1000 live births)
Rural	31.5	10.4	86
Urban	24.4	6.7	51

Although increasing emphasis is being laid on improving the quality and out-reach of health and family welfare services in the rural areas, the situation in the urban areas is better on account of relatively better socio-economic conditions greater awareness of the need to practice contraception and to avail of the family welfare and health care facilities and easier accessibility to these services.

Health and family welfare services are provided in the rural areas through a wide network of Sub-Centres, Primary Health Centers and Community Health Centres. As on 31.12.1991, there are 1,31,385 Sub-Centres, 22,328 Primary Health Centres and 1955 Community Health Centres in these areas. Besides, about 6 lakh trained dais and 3.35 lakh Village Health Guides are also working in the rural areas.

It is proposed to establish 759 Primary

Health Centres and 259 Community Health Centres during the year 1992-93 under the Minimum Needs Programme. The cost of establishment of these institutions is met from the budgets of the respective States/ Union Territories.

Anti-Rabbies Vaccine

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

(a) the Centres Institutes manufacturing anti rabbies vaccine in the country;

(b) the number of such vaccines manufactured during 1991-92, State-wise;

(c) the number of reported deaths due to the non-availability of this vaccine during 1991-92 State-wise; and