

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SCHEMES IN OPERATION IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

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

- (a) the number of schemes presently in operation in Andaman and Nicobar Islands under the family welfare schemes and projects with external assistance;
- (b) the details of the schemes and their effectiveness in the Islands; and
- (c) the major steps taken for proper implementation of the schemes during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) The Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Program is being implemented in all States and Union Territories of the country including Andaman and Nicobar Islands with external assistance from the World Bank, the European Commission and other Development Partners. The Program aims at reducing infant, child and maternal mortality and morbidity.

Various interventions being implemented under the program include immunization against six vaccine preventable diseases, control of deaths due to diarrhoea and acute respiratory infections, prophylaxis against Vitamin A deficiency and essential newborn care for children. For Maternal Health, the interventions include essential obstetric care, emergency obstetric care and provision of drugs and equipment.

For proper implementation of these interventions, funding is provided for engaging contractual staff in the form of additional Auxiliary Nurse Midwives, Staff Nurses and Laboratory Technicians. Funds are also being provided for hiring services of Safe Motherhood Consultants from the Private Sector to visit Primary Health Centres, Dai training and holding RCH Camps.

According to the estimates provided by the Registrar General of India for Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Infant Mortality Rate declined from 33 to 18 per 1000 live births and Crude Birth Rate from 18.6 to 16.8 per 1000 population between 1997 and 2001.