

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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MATERNAL DEATHS

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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the targets fixed and achievement made under various schemes for reducing the maternal and infant mortality rates during each of the last three years; and

(b) the details of UNICEF aid received for implementing the relevant Schemes and programmes during these years, State-wise and Union Territory-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) Reduction in Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) is an outcome of a number of interventions under various Schemes of the Government. As per goals set in the Xth Five Year Plan, IMR has to be brought down to 45 per 1000 live births by 2007. Similarly, MMR has to be brought down to 200 per 100,000 live births by 2007. According to Sample Registration Survey (SRS) of Registrar General of India, the Maternal Mortality Ratio has declined to 301 per 100,000 live births in 2003. Infant Mortality Rate has declined to 58 per 1000 live births in 2004.

(b) UNICEF has been supporting Government of India in its efforts to, inter-alia, reduce maternal and infant mortality. UNICEF support under Reproductive & Child Health (RCH) and Child Development and Nutrition (CDN) Programmes amounted to around US\$ 284 million in the last three years (2004-06). State and Union Territory-wise details would be obtained and laid on the Table of the House.