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INFANT AND CHILD MORTALITY RATE

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

- (a) whether infant and child mortality rate in India is more than that of countries like Vietnam, Cuba and Sri Lanka;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) the number of children died during the last three years and current year, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (d) the efforts made by the Government to reduce infant and child mortality rate alongwith the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b) The Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Child Mortality Rate (CMR) as given by Registrar General of India (RGI), Ministry of Home Affairs for the year 2007 are as follows:

IMR – 55 per 1000 live births  
CMR – 16 per 1000 live births

The Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) for the year 2007 as per the State of the World's Children, UNICEF Report 2009 for the following countries is as follows:

Vietnam - 15 per 1000 live births

Cuba - 5 per 1000 live births

Sri Lanka - 11 per 1000 live births

India - 54 per 1000 live births

The Child Mortality Rate is however not given in the UNICEF Report.

(c) State-wise and year-wise Infant Mortality Rate and Child Mortality Rate for the last 3 years is Annexed.

(d)The Reproductive and Child Health programme (RCH) II [2005-10] under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) [2005-12], comprehensively integrates interventions that improve child health and addresses factors contributing to mortality amongst children. This is being implemented across the country.

The Components of child health programme which help reduce child morbidity and mortality are as follows:

- i. Essential newborn care
- ii. Immunization
- iii. Infant and young child feeding
- iv. Vitamin A supplementation and Iron and Folic Acid supplementation
- v. Early detection and appropriate management of Acute Respiratory Infections, Diarrhoea and other infections
- vi. Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses (IMNCI) and Pre- Service IMNCI
- vii. Facility Based New Born Care.

The Infant Mortality Rate has come down from 58 per 1,000 live births in 2005 to 55 per 1,000 live births in 2007 as per the Sample Registration Survey Report of the RGI.