

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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DEATHS DUE TO MEASLES RUBELLA DIARRHOEA AND RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS

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

- (a) whether India has the highest number of deaths due to Measles, Rubella, Diarrhoea and contagious respiratory infections which include Pneumonia, influenza and syncytial;
- (b) if so, the details thereof separately during each of the last three years and the current year and the reasons therefor, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study/survey in this regard and if so, the details along with the outcome thereof;
- (d) the details of the programmes being implemented by the Government in this regard along with the funds allocated/ released/ utilized thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, programme and State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the other preventive measures taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): As per 2014 Pneumonia and Diarrhoea Progress Report, published by the International Vaccine Access Centre (IVAC), India has 3,18,000 under five children deaths annually due to Pneumonia and Diarrhoea which is highest among all countries. The other countries with high burden of under five deaths are Nigeria, Pakistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Angola, China, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Kenya, Sudan, Bangladesh, Niger, Chad, and Uganda.

The state /UT wise death due to measles, Rubella, Diarrhoea and contagious respiratory infections during the last three years and current year, state/UT wise is annexed as Annexure I (As per the report of Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI)).

(c): No, Government has not conducted any study/survey in this regard.

(d) & (e): Following programmes are being implemented by the Government:

# Under Universal Immunization Programme, Government is providing two doses of measles to all children in the country.

# The following child health interventions are carried out for prevention and control of pneumonia and diarrhea in children:

# Promotion of early and exclusive breastfeeding.

# Appropriate Infant and Young Child Feeding Practices are being promoted through the national health programme.

# Promoting use of Zinc and ORS is one of the priority activities for child survival. Oral Rehydration Salt (ORS) packets and zinc tablets are made available free of cost at all health facilities as well as in community outreach activities.

# Awareness is being created amongst mothers on sanitation and hygiene. Awareness is being created in the communities about the causes and treatment of diarrhoea through health education.

# Antibiotics for treatment of pneumonia and dysentery are made available through the public health system.

# The community health workers and facility based health service providers are trained in the management of diarrhoea and pneumonia through the IMNCI (Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses) protocols across the country.

# Vitamin A supplementation programme, is providing Vitamin A to under-five children as prophylactic dose biannually. The funds allocated under Routine Immunization Programme (including Measles Supplementary Immunization Activity) during the last three years and current year is annexed as Annexure II. The funds for child health interventions as mentioned above are provided as part of RCH interventions made under National Health Mission. The state /UT wise allocation of RCH funds is annexed as Annexure III.