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Title: Need to take measures to check infant mortality rate in Rajasthan.

SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH (JHALAWAR): In the past 3 months, 16 infants have reportedly been died in Chittorgarh district of Rajasthan. The IMR in Rajasthan is as high as 55 per 1000 as compared to that of national average 47. In spite of spending funds on setting up of Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Primary Health Centres, there is an immense shortfall of doctors, specialists and gynaecologists. Some CHCs, like in Gangrar function without a gynaecologist and facilities for blood transfusion.

As per the Rajasthan Health Survey, March 2008, there are about 110 gynaecologists in various positions at CHCs against the requirement of nearly 349. This condition is worst even in case of paediatrics as only 71 paediatricians are in various positions in the CHCs against the requirement of 349. I would, thus, urge the Government to look into this matter seriously and take immediate action.