

Maternal and Infant Mortality Rate

†1226. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the maternal and infant mortality rate during the last two years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the average maternal and infant mortality rate during these two years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government and State Governments with mutual cooperation to reduce the mortality rate during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) As per the Sample Registration System of Registrar General of India the maternal mortality ratio of India was 408 in 1997 and 407 in 1998. Data for subsequent years is not available. The infant mortality rate was 70 during 1999 and has declined to 68 in 2000.

(d) Under the Reproductive and Child Health programme, launched in the country in 1997, interventions for improving maternal and child health and reducing maternal and infant mortalities are being implemented in all districts of the country.

The interventions, for children include Immunization against six vaccine preventable diseases, control of deaths due to Diarrhoea, control of Acute Respiratory Infections, Prophylaxis for Vitamin A deficiency, Iron deficiency anemia and Essential Newborn Care.

For mothers the interventions include essential obstetric care; emergency obstetric care, provision of referral transport through panchayats and provision of drugs and equipment at first referral units, provision of contractual staff like Additional Health Workers, staff nurses, doctors and anesthetist. Funds are also being provided for scheme like 24 hours delivery services at selected primary/health centres and community health centres.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

In order to improve safe deliveries at *Dai* training programme is currently being undertaken in 166 districts in 19 States. For making services available in remote, inaccessible and underutilized PHC,s a scheme of holding Reproductive and Child Health camps is being implemented in 172 districts in 28 States/UTs and outreach strengthening project in 151 districts.

Institutes Conducting Research in Medicines

1227. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government run institutes in the country engaged in conducting research in medicines;

(b) the amount allocated for the purpose during the last five years;

(c) the number of medicines developed by the scientists, so far; and

(d) the details of the original medical product patents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Use of Amla as Ayurvedic Medicine

1228. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Amla is cultivated and used as Ayurvedic medicine;

(b) whether Government are providing financial grants to those who cultivate this Ayurvedic medicine;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether National Medicinal Plants Board is conducting detailed research on Amla; and