

being made which has been fixed on the basis of past lifting in the States/UTs. The monthly quotas of rice and wheat

fixed for Gujarat under TPDS from June, 1997, as compared to the pre-TPDS quotas, are as under:

(In '000 MTs.)

Rice			Wheat		
TPDS					
BPL	APL	Total	BPL	APL	Total
<i>Pre-TPDS</i>	18.00		20.00	29.50	
		18.00			49.50
		35.00			70.00

The monthly quota of rice and wheat fixed for Gujarat under TPDS in June, 97 is thus, less than the monthly quota given to the State during the pre-TPDS period. However, additional allotment of foodgrains are also made to the States/UTs keeping in view the availability of foodgrains in Central Pool and the food subsidy budget.

#### UNICEF Report on the State of World's Children

1861. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the recent UNICEF report revealing the State of the World's children;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof so far as they relate to Indian children;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken on the suggestions/recommendations made in the report; and

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, then whether Government would obtain a copy of the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT ESHIL-MALAI):  
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main focus of the Report in general is on Malnutrition. In so far as

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Indian children are concerned, the Report highlights that the Under Five Mortality has declined from 236 in 1960 to 111 in 1996. The Infant Mortality for 1996 has been mentioned as 73 and 33% Children are of Low Birth Weight, 21% suffer from severe underweight, 51% Indian Women exclusively Breastfeed their Children upto 3 months of age, while 67% continue Breastfeeding upto 23 months of age and 9% Children between 6—11 months suffer from goitre.

(c) Immunisation, Control of Acute Respiratory Diseases and Diarrhoeal Diseases, Essential newborn care, prophylaxis against Vitamin A Deficiency and Iron deficiency, anaemia, supplementary feeding programmes and programmes for combating specific micronutrient deficiency diseases are being implemented to improve the nutritional status, and to bring down Infant and Child Mortality.

(d) Question does not arise

**नकली दवाओं के विनिर्माण और बिक्री की घटनाओं में वृद्धि**

1862. श्री अखिलेश दास: क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि महानगरों में नकली दवाओं के निर्माण, वितरण और बिक्री से संबंधित मामलों में तेजी से वृद्धि हुई है;