

## RAJYA SABHA

*Tuesday, the 7th December, 2010/16th Agrahayana, 1932 (Saka)*

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 381. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please go back to your place. Don't come into the well. ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. Panyji...*(Interruptions)*... Q. No. 381.

SHRI T. M. SELVAGANPATHI (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I would like to....*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, he has put his question. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned till 12.00 hours.

The House then adjourned at one minute past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled at twelve of the clock,

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair

### Under five child mortality

\*381. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country accounted for 21 per cent of under five child deaths during the year 2009;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that under five mortality is increasingly concentrated in a few countries, including India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir, according to United Nation's Inter Agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (UNIGME), about half of global under five deaths in 2009 occurred in India, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Pakistan and China. India contributes to 21 per cent of under five deaths worldwide.