

- 4) Home Based Newborn Care (HBNC): Home based newborn care through ASHA has recently been initiated to improve new born practices at the community level and early detection and referral of sick new born babies.
- 5) Management of Malnutrition: Emphasis is being laid on reduction of malnutrition which is an important underlying cause of child mortality.
- 6) Universal Immunization program (UIP): Vaccination against seven diseases is provided to all children under UIP. Government of India supports the vaccine program by supply of vaccines and syringes, cold chain equipments and provision of operational costs.
- 7) Mother and Child Tracking system: A name based Mother and Child Tracking System has been put in place which is web based to enable tracking of all pregnant women and newborn so as to monitor and ensure that complete services are provided to them.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Preterm birth rate ranges from 5 to 18 percent across the world and India has preterm birth rate of 13 percent.

Allocation of funds to Bihar

*642. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be please to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated and spent in Bihar by the Ministry and its various organizations during the last three years and the current year, so far;
- (b) the details of purposes for which these funds were given and spent; and
- (c) the steps being taken to increase allocation of these funds ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) The Ministry of Environment and Forests release funds to the states /UTs its various Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The total amount so released during the last three years (2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12) and the current financial year 2012-13 so far, for the state of Bihar, amounted to Rs. 63.81 crore, against which the state has reported a utilization of Rs. 38.12 crore. In addition, an amount of Rs. 3.70 crore was released to the Bihar State Pollution Control Board under various programmes of the Ministry, and the Regional Office of the Zoological Survey of India, Patna during the period.

(b) The details of purposes for which these funds were given and spent are given in Table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the scheme/programme	Release (Rs. crore)	Utilization (Rs. crore)
1.	National Ganga River Basin Authority NGRBA	35.97	17.60
2.	National Afforestation programme NAP	20.14	13.16
3.	Intensification of Forest Management IFMS	3.69	3.15
4.	Project Tiger PT	3.39	3.80
5.	Integrated Development of wildlife Habitats IDWLH	0.62	0.41
TOTAL (1-5)		63.81	38.12
6.	Bihar State Pollution Board		
(i)	Assistance for abatement of Pollution	0.50	-
(ii)	National Air Quality Monitoring programme	0.74	0.74
(iii)	National Water Quality Monitoring Programme	0.16	0.16
(iv)	Hazardous substance Management - Awareness workshops on Bio-medical waste & Municipal solid waste Management	0.46	0.46
7.	Zoological Survey of India Regional Office at Patna - Exploration, Survey, Identification inventorization, & Monitoring of faunal diversity of Bihar.	1.84	1.84
TOTAL (6-7)		3.70	3.20

(c) Allocation of funds under these schemes/programmes of the Ministry is based on timely submission of project proposals by the states/UTs, as per their prescribed guidelines, and submission of progress reports and Utilization Certificates toward utilization of funds released in the past, given the overall allocation provided to the Ministry. The Ministry has also sought higher allocations for these schemes/programmes under its 12th Five year Plan.

Remedial measures for countering measles deaths

*643 SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Lancet stating that India accounted for 47 per cent of the total Global Measles death in 2010 at a time when the Global Measles mortality had decreased by 74 per cent in 2010;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The reasons responsible for increased mortality due to Measles in India and the remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Mortality due to measles has not increased. It has actually declined, though relatively slowly, during the period 2000 to 2010. reasons include (1) provision of only one dose of measles vaccine in the Universal Immunization Program (UIP) till September, 2010. (2) Inadequate coverage of children under Measles vaccination in many States.

Remedial measures that have been initiated include (1) Introduction of second dose of measles in UIP, (2) Increased focus on improving full immunization coverage under UIP, and (3) Focus on improving overall nutritional and health status of children.

**Impact of global economic slowdown and
depreciating rupee on India Economy**

†*644. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the effect of declining value of rupee against dollar and global economic slowdown has started taking its toll on our economy;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi