- Specific program to prevent and combat micronutrient deficiencies of Vitamin A and Iron & Folic Acid. Vitamin A supplementation for children till the age of 5 years and Iron & Folic Acid supplementation for children 6 to 60 months.
- Village Health and Nutrition Days and Mother and Child Protection Card are the joint initiative of the Ministries of Health & Family welfare and the Ministry of Woman and Child for addressing the nutrition concerns in children, pregnant women and lactating mothers.
- Nutrition Education on VHNDs (Village Health and Nutrition Days) to increase the awareness and bring about desired changes in the dietary practices including the promotion of breastfeeding.
- Growth monitoring of children up to three years by promoting use of Mother and Child Protection card.

Measures for preventing child mortality

- 540. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the first 50 districts of the country in terms of child mortality (under-5 mortality);
- (b) the districts in Karnataka which top the list of child mortality in that State; and
- (c) the targets Government has fixed for itself in the next three years to reduce child mortality in India?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) As per Annual Health Survey (AHS) 2010-11 report of Registrar General of India, conducted in 9 high focus states (EAG and Assam) comprising 284 districts the list of first 50 districts with high Under-five mortality is given in Statement-I (See below).

- (b) As AHS 2010-11 has not been conducted in state of Karnataka, district specific information is not available.
- (c) State wise Under-five mortality targets given in Record of Proceedings (ROP) of state's PIP 2012-13 by Ministry of Health & Family welfare is given in Statement-II.

Statement-I First 50 districts of 9 high focus states in term of child mortality

Sl. No.	State	District	Under 5M Rate	
1	2	3	4	
1.	Orissa	Kandhamal	145	
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Shrawasti	142	
3.	Madhya Pradesh	Panna	140	
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Satna	130	
5.	Uttar Pradesh	Faizabad	129	
6.	Uttar Pradesh	Balrampur	128	
7.	Uttar Pradesh	Kaushambi	128	
8.	Uttar Pradesh	Chitrakoot	125	
9.	Uttar Pradesh	Siddharthnagar	121	
10.	Uttar Pradesh	Sitapur	120	
11.	Madhya Pradesh	Sidhi	118	
12.	Madhya Pradesh	Damoh	117	
13.	Uttar Pradesh	Kheri	117	
14.	Orissa	Balangir	115	
15.	Uttar Pradesh	Allahabad	115	
16.	Uttar Pradesh	Lalitpur	114	
17.	Uttar Pradesh	Hardoi	113	
18.	Uttar Pradesh	Pratapgarh	113	
19.	Uttar Pradesh	Budaun	112	
20.	Uttar Pradesh	Mirzapur	111	

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1	2	3	4
21.	Madhya Pradesh	Umaria	110
22.	Uttar Pradesh	Maharajganj	110
23.	Uttar Pradesh	Basti	109
24.	Uttar Pradesh	Sant Ravidas Nagar B	hadohi 109
25.	Orissa	Puri	108
26.	Uttar Pradesh	Chandauli	108
27.	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly	107
28.	Bihar	Sitamarhi	106
29.	Uttar Pradesh	Kushinagar	106
30.	Uttar Pradesh	Shahjahanpur	106
31.	Madhya Pradesh	Shivpuri	105
32.	Orissa	Rayagada	105
33.	Madhya Pradesh	Dindori	104
34.	Assam	Kokrajhar	103
35.	Bihar	Khagaria	103
36.	Chhattisgarh	Surguja	103
37.	Bihar	Purnia	102
38.	Madhya Pradesh	Rewa	102
39.	Orissa	Khordha	102
40.	Uttar Pradesh	Ghazipur	102
41.	Bihar	Madhepura	101
42.	Madhya Pradesh	East Nimar	101
43.	Madhya Pradesh	Sheopur	101

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1	2	3	4	
44.	Madhya Pradesh	Vidisha	101	
45.	Uttar Pradesh	Bahraich	101	
46.	Uttar Pradesh	Jaunpur	101	
47.	Uttar Pradesh	Varanasi	101	
48.	Chhattisgarh	Jashpur	100	
49.	Madhya Pradesh	Datia	99	
50.	Madhya Pradesh	Raisen	99	

Statement-II

Under-five mortality targets for major states given in ROP 2012-13

Sl. No.	States/UTs	U5 Moi	U5 Mortality targets for next three years		
		2013	2014	2015	
1	2	3	4	5	
Non High Focus States					
1	Andhra Pradesh	34	30	27	
2	Delhi	21	18	15	
3	Gujarat	36	31	26	
4	Haryana	40	36	32	
5	Himachal Pradesh	32	27	21	
6	Karnataka	30	26	22	
7	Kerala	13			
8	Maharashtra	22	19	16	
9	Punjab	28	23	18	
10	Tamil Nadu	17	14	11	
11	West Bengal	25	21	17	

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1	2	3	4	5	
High Focus States					
12	Bihar	46	40	34	
13	Chhattisgarh	50	45	40	
14	Jammu & Kashmir	37	34	31	
15	Jharkhand	44	40	36	
16	Madhya Pradesh	64	58	52	
17	Orissa	64	58	52	
18	Rajasthan	51	45	39	
19	Uttar Pradesh	58	51	44	
NE- I	NE- High Focus States				
20	Assam	68	64	60	

Note: Under-five mortality data is not available for small NE states and UTs

Radiation from mobile towers

- 541. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the exposure limit of radiation due to mobile towers in the city is not safe:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government is planning to reduce the exposure limits of radiations; and
 - (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Department of Telecommunications had adopted the international EMF norms in the year 2008 in respect of mobile towers prescribed by International Commission on non Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). The ICNIRP guidelines are being followed by a number of countries in the world.