

Further, PC&PNDT Act, 1994 and Medical Council of India's guidelines also cover the unethical practical practices in surrogacy.

Rise in respiratory disease cases

1888. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether respiratory disease cases rose by 5 million since 2012 as per the Government data, National Health Profile, 2015, and close to 3,39,506 Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) cases and 104 deaths reported in 2014, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the National Health Profile, 2015 published by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI) stated that air pollution leads to wide array of health effects and WHO report also showered India and China as worst-hit countries compared to global average of deaths due to air pollution; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA) : (a) to (c) The details of Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) cases and deaths reported by the States/UTs, as per report of Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), as contained in National Health Profile, 2015 published by the CBHI under Directorate General of Health Services for the year 2012, 2013 and 2014 are as under:

Year	Cases Reported	Deaths
2012	31684628	4155
2013	31738762	3278
2014	34814636	2932

The National Health Profile, 2015 states that respiratory diseases are believed to be associated with air pollution exposure.

Government has taken various measures to control environmental pollution including tightening of vehicular and industrial norms, promotion of cleaner technologies, strengthening of network of air quality monitoring stations, promoting public awareness etc.

Under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, the districts and States have been strengthened by providing additional manpower, training of identified Rapid Response Team (RRT) members for outbreak investigations, strengthening of laboratories for detection of epidemic prone diseases including acute respiratory infections.

Health is a State subject and it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments for providing healthcare for the patients including for those suffering from respiratory and other ailments. The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts of the State Governments. Provisions for health system strengthening are made under the National Health Mission (NHM). Various schemes are also being implemented for strengthening the Tertiary Health Care facilities.

Government of India also provides medical facilities for patients through Central Government Hospitals/Institutions in different parts of the country such as All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi; Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi; Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Delhi; PGIMER, Chandigarh; JIPMER, Puducherry; RIMS, Imphal; NEIGRIHMS, Shillong; NITRD, Delhi; among others.

Common entrance test for medical colleges

1889. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a joint proposal of the Ministry of Health and Medical Council of India to bring a common entrance test for medical colleges across the country has been approved unanimously by the Medical Council of India;

(b) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has accepted the above joint proposal in *toto*; and

(c) if so, whether it is going to benefit students and get rid of corruption in the system and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA) : (a) to (c) No final decision has been taken in this regard.

Health services accessible for all

†1890. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of ratio of doctor-patient in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has prepared National Health Profile, 2015;

(c) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(d) the details of steps being taken by Government to provide health services to weaker sections across the country?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.