

Statement
Maternal Mortality Rate
India and Bigger States
 (Source: RGI, SRS, 1997, 1998)

Major State	MMR (1997)	MMR (1998)
India	408	407
Andhra Pradesh	154	150
Assam	401	409
Bihar	451	452
Gujarat	29	28
Haryana	105	103
Karnataka	195	195
Kerala	195	198
Madhya Pradesh	498	498
Maharashtra	135	135
Orissa	361	367
Punjab	196	199
Rajasthan	677	670
Tamil Nadu	76	79
Uttar Pradesh	707	707
West Bengal	264	266

National Polio Eradication Programme

†575. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Polio Eradication Programme being run in the country on a large scale has not achieved desired success; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The National Polio Eradication Programme run in the country has achieved the desired result. There is a steady decline in the number of Polio cases year after year since the inception of Pulse Polio Eradication

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Programme. However, there was a setback in 2002 when the number of Polio cases rose from 268 in 2001 to 1600 in 2002. However, due to intensive activity of Pulse Polio Immunization Programme during 2003, the number of Polio cases were brought down to 225 which was the lowest ever recorded cases in a year. In 2004 till 30th June, 2004, 16 cases have been reported as compared to 87 cases for similar period in 2003.

Polio cases

†576. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of polio cases which have come to light during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any need to make amendments in the implementation of the existing Polio Eradication Programme; and

(c) the time-limit to make the country completely polio-free?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The total number of Polio cases detected during 2001, 2002 and 2003 were 268, 1600 and 225 respectively. The number of cases detected during last three years, State-wise is given in the Statement (See below).

(b) The polio situation in the country is reviewed intermittently by the India Expert Advisory Group on Polio consisting of National and International experts. Taking into consideration the epidemiological situation, they suggest the strategies that are required to be followed in the country for polio eradication programme. Since the strategy that are being implemented in the country is as per advise of the India Expert Advisory Group on Polio there is no need for making amendment in the strategy.

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