

**Child mortality rate due to malnutrition**

†602. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special action plan has been prepared by Government to minimise the child mortality rate due to malnutrition in the country; and

(b) if so, the outline thereof and the decline in the rate after its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Malnutrition is a multi-faceted problem and is not a direct cause of death but contributes to mortality and morbidity by reducing resistance to infections.

The Government has accorded high priority to the issue of malnutrition and is implementing several schemes/programmes of different Ministries/Departments through States/UTs to address various aspects related to nutrition. This Ministry is implementing Anganwadi Services, Scheme for Adolescent Girls and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana under the umbrella Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme as direct targeted interventions.

Further, Government has also set up POSHAN Abhiyaan, which aims to prevent and reduce prevalence of stunting, underweight and anaemia among children (0-6 years), prevalence of anaemia among women (15-49 years) and reduction in prevalence of low birth weight in the country in a time bound manner.

As per the report of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-4, conducted in 2015-16, the mortality rate among children under 5 years of age has declined to 50 as compared to 74 as per NFHS-3 conducted in 2005-06.

**MOTION OF THANKS ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

श्री जावेद अली खान (उत्तर प्रदेश): माननीय सभापति जी, मैंने नियम 267 के अंतर्गत एक नोटिस दिया था। ... (व्यवधान)...

†† جناب جاو د ی علی خان : ماٹھے سبھا پتی جی، میں نے نم ی 267 کے انترگت ایک نوٹس د ا ی تھا۔۔۔ (مداخلت)۔۔۔

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

†† Transliteration in Urdu script.