

Child Mortality data

2067. SHRI BINOY VISWAM: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the UNICEF report 'The State of the World's Children 2019' which has pointed out that malnutrition caused 69 per cent of deaths of children below the age of five in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;
- (c) whether Government has maintained any data regarding child mortality due to malnutrition; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (d) Malnutrition is not a direct cause of death among children under five years of age. It can increase morbidity and mortality by reducing resistance to infections. Malnourished children are more vulnerable to any infection than normal children. The overall under five mortality rate has reduced from 74.3 (NFHS-3) to 49.7 (NFHS-4) deaths per thousand live births.

Pay and allowances to Anganwadi workers

†2068. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of pay and allowances being paid to Anganwadi workers and Anganwadi helpers employed at various places under the Ministry during the last three years;
- (b) whether any State has paid lesser pay and allowances to Anganwadi workers and Anganwadi helpers during current financial year as compared to last year; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) Anganwadi Services {under Umbrella Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Schemes} envisages the Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) as "honorary workers" from the local community who come forward to render their services, on part time basis, in the area of child care and development. Being

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