

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1071  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2022**

**LIFE EXPECTANCY RATE**

**1071. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:**

Will the **Minister of HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that life expectancy rate is well below the estimated global average life expectancy of 72.6 years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the main reason for low life expectancy is under five mortality; and
- (d) if so, the steps Government is taking to lower the under five mortality rate?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

- (a) & (b): As per the latest report titled Sample Registration System (SRS) based Abridged Life Table 2015-19 published by the Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, Government of India, the average life expectancy at birth has increased from 49.7 during 1970-75 to 69.7 during the year 2015-19 registering an increase of 20 years during this period.
- (c) & (d): As per the SRS Report 2019 published by the Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, Government of India, the country has experienced notable improvement in child mortality by reducing the Under Five Mortality Rate (Per 1,000 live births) from 45 in the year 2014 to 35 in the year 2019. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Govt. of India provides support to States/UTs in the implementation of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health and Nutrition

(RMNCAH+N) Strategy under National Health Mission (NHM) based on the Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) submitted by the States/UTs for improving the overall health of the children in the country. Some of the key interventions of Government of India are Facility Based New-born Care, Community Based care of New-born and Young Children, Mothers' Absolute Affection (MAA) Programme, Social Awareness and Actions to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully (SAANS) Initiative, Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakaram (RBSK), Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs), Intensified Diarrhea Control Fortnight / Defeat Diarrhea (D2) Initiative, Anaemia Mukta Bharat (AMB) Strategy, etc.

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