

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.282
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th July, 2021**

UNREPORTED DEATHS DURING SECOND WAVE OF COVID-19

**282 SMT. CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:**

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

- (a) the details of number of deaths reported and death certificates issued during April, May and June 2019 and April, May and June, 2020, State-wise
- (b) the details of the number of deaths reported and death certificates issued during April, May and June 2021, State-wise
- (c) whether State Governments have concealed the massive deaths due to COVID-19 during 2021
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and
- (e) the corrective steps Government would take to declare correct death numbers due to COVID during 2021?

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

(a) & (b): Registrar General, India (RGI) at the Central Government level coordinates and unifies the activities of registration of births and deaths throughout the country under the provisions of a Central Act namely “Registration of Births and Death Act (RBD Act)” enacted in 1969. However, implementation of the statute is vested with the respective State Governments and accordingly State authority (Chief Registrar of births and deaths) has been declared as the Chief Executive Authority in the respective State for implementing the provisions of this Act and Rules and orders framed thereunder.

A report namely “Vital Statistical report based on Civil Registration System (CRS)” is published by the Office of Registrar General India at national level annually after receiving reports from States/UTs. Year wise such reports are available on this office website www.crsorgi.gov.in from 2009 onwards till 2019.

As per the latest CRS report, brought out for the year 2019, the total number of deaths registered during 2019 is 76,41,076. Details of the State/UT wise number of deaths registered and death certificate issued during 2019 is at **Annexure I**.

(c) to (e): Deaths due to COVID-19 during 2021 as reported by the States/UTs are placed at **Annexure II**. There are no reports of concealing of death by the State/UT government. However, some of states based on reconciliation of mortality data have revised their figures. Such states have been advised to reconcile their data correctly in terms of dates and districts so as to get correct picture of the pandemic.

MoHFW has conveyed to States/UTs, WHO and ICMR guidelines on correct recording of COVID-19 related deaths in accordance with globally accepted ICD-10 classification. In addition, the issue of correct and timely reporting of deaths has been stressed to all States/UTs through video conferences and formal communications.

State/UT wise number of deaths registered and death certificate issued during 2019

S. No.	State/UTs	Total registered deaths	Medically certified deaths (total)
1	Andhra Pradesh	401,472	51,659
2	A & N Islands	2,616	1,573
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3,490	1,166
4	Assam	163,057	28,048
5	Bihar	359,349	18,233
6	Chandigarh	23,592	17,564
7	Chhattisgarh	188,211	40,208
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2,705	1,255
9	Daman & Diu	1,162	629
10	Delhi	145,284	89,668
11	Goa	13,851	13,851
12	Gujarat	462,284	98,563
13	Haryana	188,910	36,641
14	Himachal Pradesh	43,633	5,688
15	Jammu & Kashmir*	44,227	NA
16	Jharkhand	119,374	6,911
17	Karnataka	508,584	154,526
18	Kerala	270,567	31,511
19	Lakshadweep	336	322
20	Madhya Pradesh	493,328	44,915
21	Maharashtra	693,800	265,132
22	Manipur	2,990	2,013
23	Meghalaya	18,298	6,023
24	Mizoram	6,606	3,428
25	Nagaland	2,266	273
26	Odisha	342,947	43,191
27	Puducherry	13,255	9,455
28	Punjab	215,045	37,607
29	Rajasthan	451,315	62,782
30	Sikkim	3,308	1,510
31	Tamil Nadu	633,897	278,887
32	Telangana	228,294	63,236
33	Tripura	30,419	10,258
34	Uttarakhand	66,313	5,876
35	Uttar Pradesh	944,596	61,335
36	West Bengal	551,695	77,603
Total		7,641,076	1,571,540

* Includes figures of Ladakh UT

Deaths due to COVID-19 during 2021 as reported by the States/UTs

S. No.	State/UT	Deaths during 2021 (Till 14 th July 2021)
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	68
2	Andhra Pradesh	5,937
3	Arunachal Pradesh	137
4	Assam	3,844
5	Bihar	8,218
6	Chandigarh	491
7	Chhattisgarh	10,114
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	2
9	Delhi	14,478
10	Goa	2,362
11	Gujarat	5,767
12	Haryana	6,659
13	Himachal Pradesh	2,560
14	Jammu and Kashmir	2,477
15	Jharkhand	4,092
16	Karnataka	23,858
17	Kerala	11,721
18	Ladakh	94
19	Madhya Pradesh	6,901
20	Maharashtra	76,635
21	Manipur	954
22	Meghalaya	776
23	Mizoram	105
24	Nagaland	433
25	Odisha	2,857
26	Puducherry	1,138
27	Punjab	10,846
28	Rajasthan	6,278
29	Sikkim	190
30	Tamil Nadu	21,378
31	Telangana	2,194
32	Tripura	333
33	Uttar Pradesh	14,331
34	Uttarakhand	5,839
35	West Bengal	8,234
India		262,670