

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd February, 2021**

HIGHER DEATHS PER MILLION POPULATION DUE TO COVID-19

83 SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the COVID-19 related deaths per million population in India is much higher than that in other South Asian countries like Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, etc.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and

(c) the reasons for the deaths-per-million-population in India much higher than other economically and geographically similar nations in spite of the imposition of one of harshest lockdowns in the world?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
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(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) to (c): Yes. Comparison of deaths per million may not be apt as there are multiple factors that may contribute to this observation. These are varied geographies, island nation, case definitions, surveillance, testing and reporting protocols, attribution of death etc.

An analysis of countries which have reported higher number of cases, however indicates that the deaths per million population in India is among the lowest as inferred from the table given below:

#	Country	Total Cases	Total Deaths	Cases per Million	Deaths per Million
1	United States	2,65,12,193	4,47,459	79,825	1,347
2	Brazil	91,19,477	2,22,775	42,727	1,044
3	Russia	38,13,048	72,185	26,122	495
4	Spain	28,30,478	58,319	60,525	1,247
5	South Africa	14,43,939	43,633	24,170	730
6	France	31,53,487	75,620	48,250	1,157
7	United Kingdom	37,72,813	1,04,371	55,407	1,533
	India	1,07,33,131	1,54,147	7,778	112