

## **Dataquest-CMR e-Readiness 2013 Gold Award to Punjab State for “eGovernance Impact on Improving Healthcare Service Delivery – Highest Reduction in Female IMR”.**

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Punjab has been awarded Dataquest-CMR e-Readiness 2013 Gold Award for “eGovernance Impact on Improving Healthcare Service Delivery – Highest Reduction in Female IMR”. The Special secretary and Director, Department of Governance Reforms, Sh. V.N. Zade received the award in an impressive ceremony held in New Delhi on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2013. The winners received their awards from the country's e-Gov pioneer, Mr. R. Chandrasekhar, former Secretary, Department of IT and Department of Telecommunications, Govt. of India and President designate, NASSCOM. The award has been given to Punjab State for remarkable performance in improvement in Healthcare

service delivery and its impact on reduction in Female Infant mortality rate. Dataquest-CMR has analyzed the data released by Planning Commission, Govt of India on IMR (Infant Mortality Rate) and MMR (Maternal Mortality Rate) for the 29 states, comparing the figures for FY 2006-07 and FY 2011-12. The states with the highest drop in IMR and MMR stand have won the award for ‘Best Healthcare Service Delivery’. Female infant mortality of Punjab State has reduced by 34% (from 50 per 1000 live births in 2006-07 to 33 per 1000 live births in 2011-12). This has been achieved with dedicated efforts from Department of Health Punjab.

During the award ceremony, various e-Governance initiatives of Department of

Governance Reforms like eDistrict, State Service Delivery gateway were also appreciated. Under the eDistrict pilot project in Kapurthala and SBS Nagar, the citizen service delivery of Health Department Services like Birth/Death Registrations has also improved. Digitally Signed Birth/Death certificates are being given to the citizens. Multiple copies of Birth/Death certificates can be taken Across the Counter from Suwidha centers in 2 minutes.

Principal Secretary, Governance Reforms Sh. C. Roul has congratulated Department of Governance Reforms and Department of Health for this achievement. .