

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:190

ANSWERED ON:06.08.2010

INFLUENZA A H N .

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

- (a) whether the incidence of Influenza A H1N1 is on the rise specially during the monsoon season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any comprehensive plan for screening of foreign tourists on their arrival in the country to detect Influenza A H1N1.
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of foreign tourists detected positive for the said influenza so far; and
- (e) the funds and other technical assistance received from the United Nations Organization (UNO) for prevention and cure of influenza?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 190 FOR 6TH AUGUST, 2010

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam, details of laboratory confirmed cases and deaths reported during the current monsoon season, State-wise / UT wise are annexed.

(c) &(d): No, Madam. Now that the disease is prevalent in our community, there is no need to screen foreign tourists arriving in the country.

(e) Financial assistance amounting to about Rs. 2.43 crores has been received from World Health Organization, a UN agency, which provides technical guidance from time to time to conduct district level training for rapid response teams. WHO has also assisted us in developing the training materials. UNICEF, another UN agency, supported Government in developing information, education, communication (IEC) materials for print and audio-visual media and for field publicity.