GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:390 ANSWERED ON:20.08.2010 JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS. Paswan Shri Kamlesh ;Rajbhar Shri Ramashankar

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

(a) whether cases of Japanese Encephalitis are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to control the disease alongwith the funds allocated therefor, State-wise;

(d) whether cases of supply of substandard vaccine for treatment of this disease have been reported in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(f) whether the vaccine for Japanese Encephalitis is not available as per the requirements;and

(g) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure its availability as per the requirements?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 390 FOR 20TH AUGUST, 2010

State-wise number of reported cases of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome(AES)/Japanese Encephalitis(JE) during the current year till 15.8.2010 as compared to the last year is given in Annexure-I. It shows a rising trend in the country.

For prevention, treatment and control of vector-borne diseases including JE, Government of India is implementing an integrated National Vector Borne Disease Control Programame (NVBDCP) under the overarching umbrella of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). The strategy for prevention and control of vector-borne diseases focuses on integrated vector control, early case detection and complete treatment and behavior change communication. In addition, for prevention of Japanese Encephalitis, vaccination of children is also undertaken. Government of India provides technical support and also supplements the States by providing funds and commodities as per their annual requirements approved under NRHM. However, the programme is primarily being implemented through the State Government.

The State-wise fund allocation is given in Annexure-II.

No case of supply of substandard vaccine has been reported and JE vaccine is available as per the requirements.