

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the World Health Organisation has issued a list of new diseases likely to be spread across the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether various contagious diseases have started spreading in the country on an alarming rate;
- (d) if so, the preventive measure taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme is being recast;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (g) whether the Government proposes to include 'Health' in the concurrent list;and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): No.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): No infectious disease is spreading in the country on an alarming rate. However, some diseases i.e. Dengue and Japanese Encephalitis/Acute Encephalitis Syndrome have shown an increasing trend in 2009 as compared to 2008.

(d): National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been launched for providing integrated primary health care services specially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the society. It also provides a platform for various disease prevention and control programmes including National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP). The main components of NVBDCP programme strategy are: integrated vector control, early case detection and complete treatment and behaviour change communication. For prevention of Japanese Encephalitis, vaccination of children is also undertaken.

(e)& (f): Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme has been restructured and extended for a period till 31st March 2012 for continued efforts at early detection of disease outbreaks and rapid response thereto. Under the restructured project, following components are included:

(i) Central Surveillance Monitoring and Oversight (training of trainers, Central Surveillance Unit support and Information and Communications Technology support)

(ii) State/District Surveillance and response capacity

(iii) Influenza surveillance and response

As per the restructured project, the World Bank will provide funds for Central Surveillance Unit and expenditure incurred in respect of nine States. Government of India would provide funds for the remaining twenty six States / Union Territories.

(g): There is no such proposal at present.

(h): Does not arise.