

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

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SWINE FLU

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

- (a) the number of persons who died of Swine Flue so far, State-wise;
- (b) the details of awareness campaigns launched to educate the masses about prevention of Swine Flu;
- (c) the details of the Union Government hospitals which are fully equipped to combat this disease alongwith the details of the institutes earmarked/setup to conduct research in this field;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for the vaccination of the health-care workers active in the field of Swine Flu; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) So far 1853 persons have died due to Pandemic Influenza A H1N1 since May 2009 (as on 10th August, 2010). State-wise list is Annexed.
- (b) To educate the masses about prevention of Pandemic Influenza A H1n1 (Swine Flu) a national level media plan was finalized by the Task Force in Information & Broadcasting Ministry which was funded by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. These campaigns continue to appear in print and visual media. Focus of communication campaign has been simple public health measures for prevention, flu care, reporting early to health care facilities and the need to provide emphasis on pregnant women and those with co-morbid conditions. Dedicated website has been created in public domain ([www.mohfw-h1n1.nic.in](http://www.mohfw-h1n1.nic.in)) providing information on do's and don't's, guidelines and other necessary information.
- (c) Dr RML Hospital, Delhi; Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi; All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi; Post Graduate Institute, Chandigarh and Jawahar Lal Nehru Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education & Research, Puducherry are the Union Government Hospitals fully equipped to combat this disease.  
  
National Institute of Virology, Pune; National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi; and All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi are doing research on Influenza related issues.
- (d)&(e) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India has proposed to the States and Union Territories to make Pandemic Influenza vaccination mandatory, if required.