

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has constituted groups of health experts who visit various States and districts on the receipt of reports of serious out break of diseases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of visits made by such teams during the last three years and the current year,State/UT-wise;
- (d) the details of reports and recommendations made by these teams; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Whenever serious outbreak of diseases is reported which needs investigation, a team of health experts consisting of specialists, specific to the disease outbreak, is constituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to visit the affected area to undertake outbreak investigation.
- (c): Such health expert teams, constituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for preparing reports on different outbreaks, made 16 visits to different States during last three years and two visits during the current year. Details are annexed.
- (d) & (e): Reports of Central health expert teams mainly deal with the necessary public health measures to be adopted and hygiene and sanitation practices to be followed. Central teams also advise the State Governments on strengthening the information, education and communication channels for spreading public awareness, improving logistics, treatment protocol wherever required, training etc. The reports are sent to the concerned State Government for taking up further necessary actions. Need based technical and financial support is extended to State Governments under National Rural Health Mission.