

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

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DEATHS DUE TO SNAKEBITES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the victims of snakebite die for want of medical assistance in time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of persons died due to snakebites during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to provide relief and medical assistance to the victims in time?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

- (a):No.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): Number of deaths due to snakebite as reported for the last three years, State-wise and year-wise is enclosed at Annexure.
- (d): Health is a 'State' subject. Therefore, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to ensure the availability of anti-snake venom serum in the health care facilities. Anti-snake venom serum is procured by the State Governments directly from the manufacturing units. No shortage of anti-snake venom serum has been reported. Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), the primary health care institutions are being strengthened to provide health care including medical assistance to victims of snake bite in time.