## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2288 ANSWERED ON:06.08.2010 DEATHS DUE TO VARIOUS KINDS OF FLU Ganpatrao Shri Jadhav Prataprao

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

- (a) whether the diseases relating to various kinds of flu are increasing in the country;
- (b) the types of flu detected in the country;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for their prevention; and
- (d) the number of deaths caused by the various kinds of flu?

## **Answer**

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

- (a) Yes. Pandemic Influenza A H1N1(Swine Flu) is re-emerging and showing an increasing trend after onset of monsoon.
- (b) Mostly, as of now, pandemic influenza A H1N1 cases are detected in the country.
- (c) Yes. Government of India has alerted all States and Union Territories for reviewing their preparedness for responding even to a worse case scenario. States have been requested to assess requirement for drugs and vaccines for the Ministry of Health & FW to arrange the same. Government of India is maintaining adequate stock of drug Oseltamivir and H1N1 vaccine to vaccinate health care workers. A national level media plan has been finalized by the Task Force in Information & Broadcasting Ministry. Epidemiological trends, current status, guidelines and operating procedures are made available to the States and public through the website www.mohfw-h1n1.nic.in.
- (d) So far 1789 persons have died due to Pandemic Influenza A H1N1 since May 2009 (upto 4th August, 2010).