

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:66

ANSWERED ON:08.07.2009

RISE IN SWINE FLU CASES

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

- (a) whether cases of Swine Flu are spreading day by day in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the number of such cases reported and the number of persons died in the country as a result of Swine Flu, State-wise;
- (c) the details of laboratories located in the country to detect the Swine Flu;
- (d) the assistance rendered including the funds allocated/spent by the Union Government to check Swine Flu, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Union Government has launched any campaign to create awareness among masses about Swine Flu in the country;
- (f) if so, the details thereof, and
- (g) the other precautionary and remedial measures being taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to check the disease?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 66 FOR 8TH JULY,2009

(a)& (b) Yes. As on 6th July, 2009, there have been 145 laboratory confirmed cases of Influenza A H1N1 [earlier referred as Swine Flu] in our country. There have been no deaths due to Influenza A H1N1 in India. State-wise/city wise details of cases is at Annexure-I.

(c) There are eighteen laboratories identified in different parts of the country to test the clinical samples of suspected cases of Influenza A H1N1. The list of these laboratories, their location and States attached to them is at Annexure-II.

(d) The Central Government has so far spent/committed funds as per detail given below:

Item	Rs in crores
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Drugs	30.88
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Ventilators	11.00
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Information Education and Communication	42.22
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Personal Protective Equipments	2.94
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Training	2.43
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Thermal Scanners 0.43

Health Screening Cards 0.08

Total Rs. 89.98

Drugs, personal protective equipments and ventilators have been provided to States as per details at Annexures III, IV and V. District wise training is as per the list at Annexure VI.

(e)&(f) Yes. The Task Force in Information and Broadcasting Ministry has already undertaken short term media campaign which has been appearing both in print and audio visual media. A comprehensive long term media plan has also been drawn up. The plan covers both electronic and print media.

(g) On World Health Organization informing about the influenza A/H1N1 [earlier referred as Swine Flu], Government of India took a series of actions. A comprehensive plan including guidelines and standard operating procedures were put in place. Travel advisory was issued to defer non essential travel to the affected countries. Entry screening of passengers started at 22 international airports, ports and six international checkpoints through an informative health screening card and still continuing. On an average, 45,000 passengers are screened daily. About 29 lakh passengers have been screened. All the 145 cases that tested positive have been detected early and put on treatment. Out of these, 103 have been discharged as on 6th July, 2009. The family and social contacts of the positive cases are traced and put on preventive medication.

All States have been requested to gear up the State machinery and strengthen isolation facilities including critical care facilities at district level. District level teams are undergoing training to investigate outbreaks and to manage them.

There is adequate quantity of Oseltamivir, the drug recommended by World Health Organization. Ten million capsules are in stock. Another six million is in stock as banking arrangement with pharmaceutical companies. Stockpile of personal protective equipments is maintained at one lakh and three layered surgical masks from one lakh to ten lakhs.