

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

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DISEASES CAUSED BY AIR AND WATER POLLUTION

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

- (a) whether a number of people are suffering from diseases caused by air and water pollution in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;
- (c) the number of deaths reported due to exposure to contaminated/polluted water and air in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any survey in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details alongwith the findings thereof; and
- (f) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Diseases like Acute Diarrhoeal Diseases (ADD), Enteric Fever, Viral Hepatitis, Pneumonia and Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI) are associated with Water and Air pollution. The number of reported cases and deaths due to Acute Diarrhoeal Diseases (ADD), Enteric Fever, Viral Hepatitis, Pneumonia and Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI) during the years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 (provisional) are given in Annexure I – V.

(d): No.

(e): Does not arise.

(f): Following prevention and control measures have been taken by the Government:

(i) National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been launched for providing integrated comprehensive primary health services, specially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the society. It also provides an overarching umbrella for various disease prevention and control programmes.

(ii) For controlling water borne diseases, Ministry of Rural Development has launched Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission for providing safe drinking water particularly in rural areas.

(iii) 'Health' being a State subject, the State Governments work towards spreading awareness for maintaining general hygiene and cleanliness and providing safe drinking water.

(iv) At the National level, National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) coordinates laboratory support for outbreak investigations and etiological diagnosis. It also conducts regular training courses for development of trained manpower. It has also helped develop guidelines for prevention and control of vector-borne and infectious diseases for guidance of all concerned

(v) Pollution Control Boards have been established at Central and State levels.