

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEATHS DUE TO JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of deaths due to Japanese Encephalitis have increased during the last few years in the country especially in the eastern Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to eradicate the disease?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No. The cases of deaths due to Japanese Encephalitis/Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) are not increasing as reported by various States in the country especially in the State of Uttar Pradesh, as indicated below:

Year	Country	Uttar Pradesh	
		Cases	Deaths
2005		6720	1684
		6061	1500
2006		2871	663
		2320	528
2007		4110	995
		3024	645
2008		3839	684
		3012	537
2009		445	84
		341	81

(Till May)

c) The following measures have been taken by the Government of India for prevention & control of this disease:

GOI has provided technical guidelines to the States for strengthening of surveillance and case management.

Advisories are also being regularly sent to all the States.

Govt. of India initiated JE vaccination Programme for children between 1 and 15 years of age as an integral component of Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) with single dose live attenuated JE vaccine (SA-14-14-2) in campaign mode. The vaccination is

being followed by integration in routine Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) covering new cohorts (children 1-2 years of age). In 2006, 11 districts in 4 states were covered which was expanded to 28 districts in 10 states during 2007. In 2008, 22 districts in 10 states have been covered including 9 districts from UP.

GOI established 51 sentinel laboratories for diagnosis of JE cases and treatment facilities at peripheral level. Further, for advanced diagnosis, 13 Apex Referral Laboratories have been strengthened.

Adequate training has been imparted to medical and paramedical staff working in laboratories.

Test kits have been supplied to JE endemic states including Uttar Pradesh.

For providing a focused surveillance, Vector Borne Disease Surveillance Unit (VBDSU) has been established at BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur, U.P with the assistance of GOI.

One JE sub-office at BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur has also been set up to coordinate with VBDSU.

For establishing 50 bedded AES/JE treatment facility at BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur, an amount of Rs.5.88 crores has been allocated under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) during 2009-10.

The situation of most endemic State i.e. Uttar Pradesh is being reviewed regularly.

Recently, a review & sensitization meeting was held for all endemic States on 29.6.09 under the chairmanship of Spl. Director General of Health Services (Public Health) at Directorate of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP), Delhi. During the meeting, the action plan and preparedness of JE endemic States for prevention & control was discussed.