

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study on rota virus and its effects on human health;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to contain and create awareness about the disease in the country;
- (d) whether the Government has authorised any pharmaceutical company to propagate the effects of rota virus; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIDINESH TRIVEDI)

- (a) & (b): Several studies at different points of time have been conducted in India, indicating widespread occurrence of rotavirus infection and disease in all regions of India.
- (c): There are no specific interventions by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOHFW) to contain and create awareness about the disease in the country. However, awareness through mass media and inter-personal communications and promotion of oral rehydration solution is carried out for prevention and control of diarrhoea
- (d) to (e): The MOHFW has not authorised any pharmaceutical company to propagate the effects of rota virus.