

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE FOR MEDICAL INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received representations from various States including Kerala for improvement of medical infrastructure in order to tackle emergency situations during an epidemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

(a)&(b) Yes. During the influenza pandemic, outbreak of Dengue, Japanese encephalitis and Chikungunya, representations were received from various States including Kerala for improvement of medical infrastructure – specifically for laboratories and strengthening hospitals including that for critical care.

(c) Under National Rural Health Mission, the State/UT Governments including Government of Kerala incorporated their requirement for improvement of health infrastructure for providing better health delivery services in their annual Programme Implementation Plan [PIP] under National Rural Health Mission. This includes requirements for tackling emergency situations.

Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, Trivandrum and Kasturba Medical College Laboratory in Manipal, Karnataka have been strengthened for testing samples of H1N1 from Kerala.

Ten district hospitals have been strengthened for testing of samples of Dengue and Chikunguniya in addition to the apex referral centre - Kerala State Institute of Virology, Allappuzha.