

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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NCDC STUDY ON SEASONAL FLU  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Centre of Disease Control (NCDC) has launched a country-wise study to see which influenza strains are causing seasonal flu that are usually characterized by running or blocked nose, fever, incessant sneezing and throat ache;
- (b) if so, the names of the hospitals from which the influenza strains samples have been collected, State-wise;
- (c) whether the NCDC has compiled critical data like the number of people infected by seasonal flu, fatalities and the most prevalent influenza strains;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to control seasonal flu?

**Answer**

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

- (a): No systematic country-wide study of seasonal flu has been launched.
- (b) to (d): Do not arise.
- (e): Prevention is the best way to control seasonal flu. Awareness is generated in community through various means regarding hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette to prevent transmission of flu virus. Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and Behavioural Change Communication (BCC) activities are carried out under the overall umbrella of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM).