

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RISE IN COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of people suffering from various communicable diseases is on the rise in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year so far, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the reasons for the high prevalence of communicable diseases in the country; and
- (d) the action plan drawn by the Government to control these diseases and provide proper and affordable treatment to such patients?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) & (b) The number of reported cases of major communicable diseases for the last three years and the current year are given in Annexure.

It shows that the trends of decrease or increase are variable across different diseases.

(c) & (d) The transmission of communicable diseases depends on various environmental and man-made factors. The Government of India is implementing various preventive and control programmes to address communicable diseases. Besides, under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), the Government of India is supporting States/UTs in improving their infrastructure for better delivery of primary health care services.