

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INFLUENZA A H N

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

- (a) whether new cases of pandemic influenza A H1N1 have been reported from various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year indicating the number of persons, out of them, cured and died, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the financial and technical assistance provided by the Union Government to the State Governments for proper diagnosis and treatment of patients of the said influenza during the said period, State-wise;
- (d) the funds and other assistance received from the external agencies for the prevention and cure of the said Influenza ;
- (e) the action plan chalked out by the Government for screening of foreigners on their arrival in the country indicating the number of foreigners detected positive for the influenza A H1N1 during the said period; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to ensure the availability of related drugs and vaccines and lift the restriction on sale of Tamiflu in the market?

Answer

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

(a) The pandemic has subsided. WHO has declared that the H1N1 influenza pandemic has moved into the post-pandemic period. The pandemic Influenza A H1N1 virus is now circulating as seasonal influenza virus and few cases have been reported from across the country.

(b) Details are at Annexure.

(c) Technical assistance provided to the State Governments are as under:

Training of The State Rapid Response teams and physicians.

Oseltamivir, the drug to treat pandemic influenza was centrally and provided to the states.

1.5 million doses Pandemic H1N1 vaccine procured and health care workers in all States vaccinated.

Personal Protective Equipments, surgical masks and N-95 masks given to the States as per requirement from central stockpile.

A network of 26 laboratories in Government Sector provided laboratory support to all the States.

Information, education, communication materials prepared and given to all the States. Further, a media campaign was launched by Central Government for creating public awareness.

Guidelines on categorization of patients, laboratory testing and clinical management were provided to the States.

(d) Funds to the tune of Rs.2.4 crores received from WHO were utilized to conduct training of Rapid Response Teams and physicians. WHO also provided technical guidelines to tackle the pandemic.

(e) During the early part of the pandemic (in 2009), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare initiated Entry Screening at 22 International Airports, 9 Seaports and designated Ground Crossings. Over 10 million passengers were screened. About 600 laboratory confirmed cases were detected through screening. After spread among community in India, entry screening was stopped from January, 2010.

(f) The indigenous manufacturing of drug (Oseltamivir) and H1N1 vaccine were facilitated. Adequate quantity of Oseltamivir is available in the Central Stockpile and with the State Governments. The drug is also available through retail chemists having Schedule X drug license. There are four indigenous manufacturers of Pandemic vaccine.