

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

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DEATH DUE TO RABIES

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a comprehensive rabies control programme at national level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether as per the report of World Health Organisation (WHO), out of total death due to rabies in world, 39% deaths occurs in India annually;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons thereof;
- (e) whether the anti-rabies vaccines supplied have been found substandard in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof. State-wise and the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a)&(b) A Pilot Project on prevention and control of human rabies is implemented in five cities across the country in Ahmadabad, Bangalore, Pune, Madurai and Delhi. The strategy is to improve management of animal bite cases by training of health professionals, encouraging operationalisation of intradermal (ID) route, enhancing awareness regarding timely and appropriate post-exposure treatment and strengthening of diagnostic capabilities and surveillance. National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) has also published and circulated national guidelines on rabies prophylaxis and intradermal inoculation of cell culture vaccines.

(c) Out of 55000 estimated global deaths annually, about 20,000 people die due to rabies in India.

(d): The reasons of deaths due to rabies are lack of awareness and not seeking proper treatment due to various myths prevalent in the community.

(e) No.

(f) Does not arise.