

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

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

- (a) whether cases of leptospirosis and deaths therefrom are on the rise in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor indicating such cases and deaths reported during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of assistance provided to the State Governments to overcome the disease;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up Centres of Excellence for Research for effective prevention and control of such zoonotic diseases in every State including Gujarat; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b): Reported cases of Leptospirosis and deaths therefrom in five endemic states show variable trend except in the state of Gujarat where the reported cases and deaths have shown increasing trend during last three years. Incidence of mortality due to Zoonotic diseases including Leptospirosis depends on both ecological and manmade factors in affected region. Reported cases and deaths due to Leptospirosis during 2009-2011 are given in annexure.
- (c): A pilot project has been implemented in the 11th Five Year Plan in the State of Gujarat, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Karnataka to prevent morbidity and mortality due to Leptospirosis in humans. Financial assistance has been provided to the states for training of health personnel, strengthening of diagnostic facilities and carrying out awareness in the community.
- (d) No.
- (e) Does not arise.