

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

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

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to reported delay in antiviral spraying/fumigation in Bihar as concerned machinery has been directed to resort to the same only after the outbreak of diseases including kala-azar;
- (b) if so, the details along with the facts thereof;
- (c) the corrective action taken/proposed by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has issued/ proposed any directions/guidelines to the State machineries to resort to antiviral spraying/fumigation before the outbreak of diseases in order to prevent them; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (e): There is no provision for antiviral spraying under National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme in Bihar or any other State/UT to control Kala-azar and other vector borne diseases. Fogging is not a routine measure and is resorted to only in case of outbreaks of dengue, malaria etc., depending on the local situation.