

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:112

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INFLUENZA A H1N1

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

- (a) whether new cases of influenza A H1N1 have been reported from various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such cases reported and those cured and died during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the action plan drawn by the Government to protect the people from the said influenza;
- (d) the financial and technical assistance provided to the State Governments for proper diagnosis and treatment of patients during the said period, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to ensure the availability of related drugs and vaccines in sufficient quantity?

Answer

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

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 112 FOR 30.11.2012

(a)&(b) The pandemic of Influenza A H1N1 has subsided. According to WHO, it has moved into the post-pandemic period. The pandemic Influenza A H1N1 virus is now circulating as seasonal influenza A H1N1 virus and sporadic outbreaks have been reported from across the country. Details of laboratory confirmed cases and deaths for the last three years and the current year are at Annexure I.

(c) The action plan to mitigate the impact of the pandemic included surveillance for Pandemic Influenza A H1N1 at ports, airports and ground crossings; laboratory support; augmenting hospital system response by opening large number of screening centres; isolation facilities and critical care facilities across the country; stockpiling of the drug Oseltamivir; vaccination of high risk groups; creation of awareness among public through print and visual media, attending to public queries through 24x7 call centre and monitoring the situation on day- to- day basis.

(d) The financial and technical assistance provided to the State/UT Governments are as under:

Funds to the tune of Rs.2.4 crores received from WHO were utilized and Rapid Response teams and physicians from the States/UTs were trained. State/UT-wise details are at Annexure-II.

Technical assistance were provided to a network of 26 laboratories in Government Sector. These labs were strengthened for diagnosis of Influenza A H1N1 and provided diagnostic reagents. The details are at Annexure III.

Information, education, communication materials prepared, translated in 22 languages 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/UTs.

In addition, the following commodity support was also provided:

\$ Oseltamivir, the drug to treat influenza A H1N1, supplied to the States as per their requirements.

\$ 1.5 million doses of Pandemic H1N1 vaccine procured and provided for vaccinating health care workers in States/UTs.

\$ Personal Protective Equipment, surgical masks and N-95 masks given to the States/UTs as per their requirements from central stockpile.

(e) Adequate stock of Oseltamivir capsules is available to treat Influenza A H1N1. Indigenous capacity is available to manufacture Influenza A H1N1 Vaccine in the country.

