

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

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CASES OF 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 influenza A (H5N1) commonly known as avian flu or bird flu 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; and
- (c) the action plan drawn by the Government to protect the people from the said influenza?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) No human case of Influenza A (H5N1) has been reported in India, till date.
- (c) the contingency plan of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and that of Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Animal Husbandry) have been put into action for containment of the outbreak in birds. A series of activities have been undertaken to prevent spread of infection from birds to humans. This includes culling of birds in the infected zone; medical examination and preventive therapy for the cullers; information campaigns to prevent human contact with infected birds; active house to house surveillance to detect influenza like illness and providing diagnostic, isolation and treatment facilities.