

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:77

ANSWERED ON:01.03.2013

ACUTE RESPIRATORY AILMENTS

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

- (a) whether as per the study of the Government contained in the Statistical Handbook of India 2013, deaths from acute respiratory ailments are on the rise in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the estimated number of cases of acute respiratory ailments and attributable deaths reported in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken/ proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.77 FOR 1ST MARCH, 2013

(a)&(b): As per the study of the Government contained in the Statistical Handbook of India 2013, deaths from acute respiratory ailments shows declining trend from 2007-2011.

(c): The details of number of cases of acute respiratory ailments and attributable deaths reported in the country by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence during each of the last three years, State/UT wise are annexed.

(d): Under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Project of Directorate General of Health Services, the districts and States have been strengthened by providing additional manpower, training of identified Rapid Response Team (RRT) members for outbreak investigations, strengthening of laboratories for detection of epidemic prone diseases including acute respiratory ailments, Information Communication Technology equipment for data entry, analysis and data transfer and provision of funds for operationalization.

Other measures taken by the Government include control of environmental pollution, tightening of vehicular and industrial emission norms, management of municipal hazardous and biomedical waste, promotion of cleaner technologies, strengthening the network of air quality monitoring stations, public awareness etc. All efforts are made by Government to ensure adequate medical facilities/care for the patients suffering from diseases.