

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

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DEATH DUE TO RABIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons died due to rabies in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT wise;
- (b) whether rabies vaccines are available in sufficient quantity at Health Centres as well as Central Government controlled medical colleges/hospitals and its associated hospitals;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to supply sufficient quantity of rabies vaccines; and
- (d) the preventive steps taken by the Government to check deaths due to dog bite in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) State/UT wise number of cases/deaths due to rabies reported during the years 2009 to 2012 is annexed.
- (b) & (c) 'Health' is a state subject. It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to ensure the availability of anti-rabies vaccine. However, to assist the State Governments, under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) funds are provided to States for procurement of drugs including anti-rabies vaccine to make up for any shortages. Anti- rabies vaccines are available in the Central Government Hospitals.
- (d) Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material has been developed and disseminated to create awareness in the community regarding animal bite management. Teaching material covering all aspects of rabies and animal bite management has also been developed and disseminated. Training of medical and paramedical personnel in animal bite management and rabies prophylaxis has been undertaken. National guidelines for rabies prophylaxis and intra-dermal administration of cell culture vaccines have been developed and disseminated.