

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

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

- (a) whether annual recurrence of cases and deaths of children due to Japanese Encephalitis (JE) and Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) have been reported from different parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor during each of the last three years and the current year so far, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has set any targets to reduce morbidity, mortality and disability in children due to JE and AES in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/proposed to achieve them and financial/technical assistance provided to the States/UTs for the purpose including foreign assistance received, if any, during the said period, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government has constituted any panel to monitor and supervise the programme to curb the cases of JE/AES and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHURY)

(a) & (b) Yes. Reported JE/AES cases and deaths during the last three years and current year are provided at Annexure-I. Some parts of the country are endemic for JE/AES due to climatic and ecological factors.

(c) & (d): The prevention and control of JE/AES is dealt under National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) under the overarching umbrella of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). Details of financial assistance provided to the JE endemic States during the last three years and current year under NVBDCP for all Vector Borne Diseases is at Annexure-II.

The Government has in October, 2012 approved a programme for reduction of mortality , morbidity and disability in children due to JE/AES for 60 priority districts in 5 identified States (Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Assam & Tamil Nadu).

(e): The Government of India has constituted a Coordination Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary (HFW) for monitoring and supervision of the measures for implementation of intervention/ activities for prevention and control of JE/AES approved for 60 priority districts in 5 States.