

**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 H1N1 (Swine Flu) have suddenly increased in various parts of the country during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the number of such cases reported and those treated and died in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government for proper diagnosis, detection and treatment of Influenza A H1N1 patients and availability of sufficient drugs and vaccines along with the financial and technical assistance provided to the State Governments for the purpose, State/UTwise;
- (d) whether the Government has directed all the hospitals in the country to follow the H1N1 protocol and provided vaccines for the healthcare workers dealing with the patients; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof indicating the present status of utilisation of such vaccine, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes. There had been increase in cases of Influenza A H1N1 reported from the States of Rajasthan, Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh during the current year as compared to last year. Details provided by the States/UTs of laboratory confirmed cases and deaths for the current year are at Annexure I. As on date, Influenza A H1N1 virus is circulating as seasonal influenza virus causing seasonal outbreaks.

(c): Health is a State subject. However, Ministry of Health & FW has provided guidelines on screening & categorization of patients, laboratory diagnosis, infection control, home care and clinical management. These guidelines are also available on the website of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The drug Oseltamivir available with the Central Government has been supplied, as per requisition, to the States. State/UT-wise details of drugs supplied for the period 2012-13 are at Annexure-II.

Technical support is provided for surveillance through Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme. To facilitate laboratory diagnosis through a network of 26 laboratories in Government Sector, in addition to the earlier support given for strengthening these laboratories, support for diagnostic reagents for diagnosis of Influenza A H1N1 is being given. The details are at Annexure-III. Personal Protective Equipment, surgical masks and N-95 masks are also provided. Funds to the tune of Rs.2.4 crores received from WHO were utilized earlier for training rapid response teams and clinicians up to district level. State/UT-wise details are at Annexure IV.

(d) & (e): The States were provided with clinical management protocols which are also available on the web site [www.mohfw-h1n1.nic.in](http://www.mohfw-h1n1.nic.in).

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has not recommended or provided Seasonal Influenza Vaccine for health care workers dealing with the patient.