

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ENCEPHALITIS RELATED PROPOSALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received a number of proposals from various States/UTs regarding prevention, treatment and setting up of laboratories, mobile units and educational/vocational rehabilitation centres for the patients suffering from Japanese Encephalitis (JE) and Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise including Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) the action taken/proposed by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): Proposals have been received for implementation of measures for prevention and control of Vector Borne Diseases including Japanese Encephalitis (JE)/Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) from various States/UTs.

For prevention and control of JE/AES in 60 high endemic districts in 5 States, the Government on 18.10.2012 have approved a programme which envisages an integrated approach involving the following Ministries:

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Ministry of Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation

Ministry of Women & Child Development

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

Ministry of Rural Development

Ministry of Urban Development.

The main programme components include:

Strengthening Public Health Activities in 60 priority districts

JE Vaccination

Establishment of Pediatric ICUs at 60 district hospitals

Establishment of 20 New JE/AES Surveillance Sites

Establishment of PMR Dept. in 10 Medical Colleges

Establishment of 60 District Counseling Centres

Research-Cum-Intervention Projects

Monitoring & Coordination

To implement the health component of the above measures, the 5 States have submitted composite Project Implementation Plans for Vector Borne Diseases including JE for the year 2013-14, under NRHM.

To monitor the implementation of the approved activities/interventions a coordination committee under the Secretary Health & Family Welfare, Government of India and three task force have been constituted.

Paediatricians ICUs have been set up in some States. Training of Trainers (TOT) has been held on critical care management of JE/AES cases for paediatricians/anaesthetists nominated by the 5 States. Training of medical officers and nursing personnel is going on. 24 Medical Officers and 59 nursing personnel received training on critical care management in West Bengal.

A Social Mobilization campaign for awareness of JE/AES was undertaken in districts of UP during 2012 and 2013 organized by National Disaster Management Authority. For the diagnosis of JE, IgM ELISA kits have been regularly supplied to the JE sentinel sites in the affected districts. Out of 60 districts, 42 have been covered under JE immunization. Meetings of Task force for UP, Bihar & Tamil Nadu and meeting of National Mission steering Group with the Ministry of Women & Child Development has been held. Disease surveillance through Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals is going on.