

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INTEGRATED DISEASE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to restructure the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme to transform it into an early warning system for the outbreak of epidemics;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to issue regular health alerts and bulletins for public awareness to enable preemptive action at the community and the household level?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP), a World Bank assisted decentralized disease surveillance project, is being implemented with the objective to generate early warning signals of impending disease outbreaks and rapid response thereto.

(c): Weekly reports on disease outbreaks occurring throughout India are prepared and disseminated to stakeholders including State/District Surveillance Officers, Programme Officers of Disease Control Programme dealing with epidemic prone diseases and uploaded on IDSP portal which is in the public domain. The regular health alerts are shared with District Surveillance Officers who in turn disseminate the information to peripheral health workers and community members for undertaking preventive and control measures.