

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

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FUNDS FOR FATAL INFECTIOUS DISEASES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study/research to eradicate fatal infectious diseases like Swine Flu, Bird Flu, Dengue and Chikungunya;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of grants allocated and released to the States in this regard during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (d) whether any vaccine has been developed to prevent these diseases; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No. Swine Flu, Bird Flu, Dengue and Chickengunya are not amenable to eradication. Hence research strategies for their eradication are not pursued.
- (b) & (c) Question does not arise
- (d) & (e) No, Sir. However, Government of India is taking necessary action to produce an indigenous vaccine:

For Influenza A (H1N1) [Swine Flu], Government of India held discussions with Indian vaccine manufacturers. Serum Institute of India, Pune, Panacea Biotec, Delhi and Bharat Biotech, Hyderabad have the capacity to manufacture vaccine. Drug Controller General (I) has issued license to import seed virus to these manufacturers.

Indian Council of Medical Research's National Institute of Virology, Pune in collaboration with Centre for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA has developed a pre-pandemic vaccine strain that can be used for H5N1 [Bird flu] vaccine.