

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

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EBOLA VIRUS

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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any case of Ebola has been identified in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of people including foreigners screened and quarantined for Ebola virus in the country;
- (c) the number of blood samples collected along with the number of them identified to be at medium risk, high risk and low risk for Ebola virus;
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for prevention and treatment of Ebola along with the health infrastructure put in place for the purpose; and
- (e) the funds earmarked and spent therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a): No.

(b) & (c): As on 24.02.2015, 50157 passengers arriving through flights that connect affected countries have been screened. Of these, 50075 have been categorized as low risk, 9 as medium risk and 73 as high risk. About 100 samples have been tested at National Centre for Disease Control and at NIV, Pune. All these samples have been tested negative. An Indian national who travelled from Liberia and had undergone treatment for Ebola Virus disease in that country and certified to be free of the disease was found to carry the virus in his body fluid (semen). This passenger has been quarantined at the quarantine centre of Airport Health Organization, Delhi.

(d): There is screening of passengers coming from affected west African countries at 7 International airports and 9 major ports. Special Health units are functioning at these airports and are manned by trained medical and paramedical staff. The Integrated Disease Surveillance Project is tracking such passengers arrived from affected countries who have history of contact with a suspect or confirmed Ebola Case. Two laboratories namely National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune and National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Delhi are testing clinical samples of high risk passengers. 10 more existing laboratories with required bio safety level (BSL) standards have been identified to collect, test and store samples. State Governments have identified isolation facilities to manage cases of Ebola Virus Disease.

Master Trainers of 25 States and Rapid Response Teams of all States/ Union Territories were trained and Personal Protective Equipments were provided to all States/Union Territories.

A 24x7 helpline has been established in Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(e): The expenditure on Ebola related activities have been met from funds earmarked for Emergency Medical Relief and those for Airport/Port Health activities.