

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

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ANTI SNAKE VENOM SERUM
Khuba Shri Bhagwanth

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of anti snake venom serum in across the country especially rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with snake bite related death cases reported during the last three years and current year, State-wise including Karnataka; and
- (c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to spread awareness about precautions against snake bites and make available prompt treatment facilities in hospitals/health centres, particularly in rural areas?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The anticipated annual installed capacity of indigenous manufacturers for anti- snake venom serum is sufficient to meet the demand arising due to the estimated snake bites in the country. The details of snake bites related cases and deaths for the year 2012, 2013 and 2014 (upto June, 2014) State- wise including the State of Karnataka are at Annexure.
- (c): While Health is a State subject, the Central Government provides assistance to the States for strengthening of health infrastructure under the National Health Mission. This facilitates treatment for various diseases and emergencies including snake bites. The Ministry has in the past permitted the State Governments to procure anti-snake venom serum under National Health Mission after reflecting the same in the annual PIP and seeking necessary approval for the same.