

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

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

- (a) the total number of human cases of bird flu infection and deaths reported in the past three months, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether there is any increase in the number of bird flu deaths in this quarter compared to the previous three quarters;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether bird flu is developing mutant strains resistant to drugs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to fight this mutant strain?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): No human case of Avian Influenza (H5N1) [bird flu] has been reported in India. In view of this, the question of developing H5N1 mutant strain resistant to drugs, in India, does not arise.