

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4010
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ANTI RABIES SERUM
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of death cases reported due to rabies in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the anti-rabies serum is not available vis-a-vis its requirement in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): As per reports from, the States received by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI) under Directorate General of Health Services, State wise deaths due to rabies, during the last three years in the country are annexed.

(b) & (c): Health is a State subject. It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to ensure the availability of anti- rabies vaccine. However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), funds are provided to States/UTs to strengthen their health care system including support for anti rabies vaccines based on the requirement posed by the States in their Prog- ramme Implementation Plans.

(d): For prevention of deaths due to rabies, Government of India is implementing National Rabies Control Programme under XII Five Year Plan, which has both human and animal health components. NCDC is a nodal agency to implement human health component. The strategy includes:

Training of health professionals in appropriate animal bit management.

Implementation of intra dermal route of inoculation of cell culture anti- rabies vaccines

IEC in general community.

Strengthening laboratories for diagnosis of rabies.

Strengthening surveillance.

Animal health component is being implemented by Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) initially in Haryana and Chennai to pilot test the strategy which includes.

Mass vaccination of dogs.

Dog population management.

Strengthening surveillance & response.