

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:78
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VIRAL OUTBREAKS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of viral outbreaks along with the casualties reported in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the economic impact of the aforesaid viral outbreaks and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has put in place any early warning system and protocols for the effective management of viral outbreaks in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of virology institutes/ laboratories set up by the Government for early detection of viral outbreak, State/UT wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to set up more number of virology institutes/laboratories in the country, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a)to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the 1 house

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 78 FOR 27 FEBRUARY, 2015

(a) The number of viral outbreaks along with the casualties reported in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise is placed at Annexure I.

(b) The Government has not assessed the economic impact of the viral outbreaks in the country.

(c) Government of India initiated Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) in all States/UTs with the objective to detect and respond to disease outbreaks. Under IDSP, weekly data on total number of cases for epidemic prone diseases including viral diseases is collected at District level. These data give information on the disease trends and seasonality of diseases. Whenever there is a rising trend of illnesses in any area, the outbreak is investigated and responded to for its prevention, control/ containment.

(d)and (e) The list of Viral research & Diagnostic Laboratories set up by the Government for early detection of viral outbreaks, state/UT-wise is placed at Annexure II.

In addition, IDSP has strengthened laboratories for diagnosis of certain viral diseases causing outbreaks. The Department of Health Research (DHR) is implementing a scheme on "Establishment of a network of Laboratories for Managing Epidemics and Natural Calamities".