

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:80
ANSWERED ON:11.07.2014
CASES OF INFLUENZA A H1 N1
Maragatham Smt. K.

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

- (a) Whether new cases of Influenza-A H1N1 (Swine Flu) and related deaths have recently been reported in various parts of the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof during the current year in comparison to each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) The details of the financial and technical assistance provided to the States/ UTs for control, diagnosis, detection and treatment of Influenza-A H1N1 during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- (d) Whether the Government has launched any vaccination/immunization drive for the control and treatment of Influenza-A H1N1 in the country; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.80 FOR 11th July, 2014

(a) & (b) Yes. New cases of Influenza A H1N1 have been reported from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Delhi, Punjab, Haryana and Gujarat. Details provided by the States/UTs of laboratory confirmed cases and deaths for the current year and last three years are at Annexure I. As on date, Influenza A H1N1 virus is circulating as seasonal influenza virus causing sporadic outbreaks.

(c) Health is a State subject. However, Ministry of Health & FW has provided guidelines on screening & categorization of patients, laboratory diagnosis, infection control, home care and clinical management. Oseltamivir, the drug for treatment of influenza A H1N1 and H1N1 vaccine, to vaccinate health care workers, were provided to the states as per their requirement. Details are at Annexure-II & III.

Technical support for early case detection was provided by Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) and through a network of 26 laboratories in Government Sector (Annexure-IV). These laboratories were also supported with diagnostic reagents.

The situation is being regularly monitored by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(d) & (e) No. The seasonal influenza has not been prioritized as a programme under vaccine preventable diseases.