

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ANTI RABIES VACCINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons died due to rabies in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UTwise;
- (b) whether the Government provides funds to the States for procurement of antirabies vaccine under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);
- (c) if so, the details thereof during the above said period, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the preventive steps taken/being taken by the Government to check deaths due to dog bites in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) As per reports from the States, deaths due to rabies, during the last three years (CBHI data) in the country are as under:-

Year	Cases/Deaths
2011	253
2012	212
2013	138
2014	70 (upto Sept, 2014)

State wise details 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 Programme 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.