

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:299

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CASES OF INFLUENZA - A H1N1

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**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 from 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 issued directions/ advisories to the hospitals to follow the established protocol in dealing with such cases and if so, the details thereof along with the present status of their implementation in the country; and
- (e) Whether the Government has given any protection to the healthcare workers dealing with the patients of Influenza-A H1N1 and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 299 FOR 12TH DECEMBER, 2014

(a) & (b) Influenza A H1N1 virus that caused the Influenza Pandemic during 2009-10 continues to circulate in the community causing sporadic outbreaks in various parts of the country. Most of the sporadic cases are reported from Rajasthan, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Kerala. Details provided by the States/UTs of laboratory confirmed cases and deaths for the current year and last three years are at Annexure I.

(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 was provided to the States as per their requirement. Details are at Annexure-II.

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-III). These laboratories were also supported with diagnostic reagents.

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

(d) Advisories on categorization of patients and clinical management protocols were provided to all the States. These protocols are being followed by the States.

(e) During the period of Influenza A H1N1 Pandemic, States were asked to vaccinate health care workers. H1N1 vaccines were provided by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare as per the requirement of the States. During the year 2012, H1N1 vaccines were again provided to the States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Puducherry, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Punjab and Andhra Pradesh.