

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:169
ANSWERED ON:18.07.2014
CASES OF LEPTOSPIROSIS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Leptospirosis related cases and casualties have been reported from various parts of the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) Whether the present availability of diagnostic and research centres is adequate to respond to the increasing number of Leptospirosis cases in the country;
- (d) If so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) The other steps taken/proposed by the Government for proper surveillance, early diagnosis, prompt treatment and control of Leptospirosis and other zoonotic diseases in the country?

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. 169 FOR 18TH JULY, 2014

(a) & (b): Yes, The information regarding the number of reported cases and deaths due to Leptospirosis from endemic States/UTs in the last three years and the current year is annexed.0

(c) to (e): Regional Medical Research Centre, Port Blair, under Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), is the National Leptospirosis Reference Centre, which carries out surveillance for Leptospirosis in Andamans, provides referral services in diagnosis, and also conducts research and training related to Leptospirosis in the country. Due to increasing frequency of cases in other States, a Leptospirosis Diagnosis and Research Centre has been set up at ICMR's National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE), Chennai. This reference unit, in addition to providing easy access to Leptospirosis reference services to centers/hospitals in mainland of the country, coordinates and facilitates collaboration among medical colleges and other institutions involved in Leptospirosis research.

The strategy for prevention and control of Leptospirosis consists of early diagnosis and prompt treatment, chemoprophylaxis and rodent control. Information, Education and Communication (IEC) has been pilot tested in the 11th Five Year Plan and disseminated to all the endemic states for implementation under the National Pogramme during the 12th Five Year Plan.

Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) is implemented in all the States and UTs with the aim to detect and respond to outbreaks of epidemic prone diseases including Leptospirosis and zoonotic diseases. Under IDSP, the districts and States have been strengthened by providing additional manpower, training of identified Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) members for outbreak investigations, strengthening of laboratories for detection of epidemic prone diseases including Leptospirosis.