

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1048
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH FEBRUARY, 2019**

KYANSANUR FOREST DISEASE

1048. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the Kyansanur Forest Disease (KFD) also called as monkey fever which has taken toll of 5 people in Karnataka particularly in Shivamogga district in last few months and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government has taken any measures to control the disease; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a): Government is aware of the Kyansanur Forest Disease (KFD) reported from Sagara, Thirthahalli and Hosanagara Taluks of Shivamogga district. As per data reported under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme during the period from 11.2.2018 to 5.2.2019, 159 persons were hospitalized and 1 suspected and 8 confirmed deaths of KFD have been reported from Shivamogga District.

(b) & (c): The National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) has published and widely disseminated a 'Manual on Zoonotic Diseases of Public Health Importance' which also includes a chapter on Prevention & Control of KFD. The IDSP is being implemented in the country through the National Centre for Disease Control to detect and respond to disease outbreaks due to epidemic prone diseases including KFD. Technical assistance is also provided to the States for investigation, prevention and control of disease outbreaks. Since KFD is a zoonotic disease, outbreak investigations are carried out in collaboration with State Health Directorate, State Animal Husbandry Department and State Forest Department. Capacities at District and State level have been strengthened by providing additional manpower, training of identified Rapid Response Team members for outbreak investigations and information and communications technology (ICT) equipment for data entry, analysis and data transfer. NIV, Pune and Manipal Virus Research Centre (MVRC) have the facility to undertake laboratory diagnosis of KFD.