

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. - 1829
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2022
CASES OF MEASLES**

**1829. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK:
SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:
SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:
SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI PATEL HASMUKHBHAI SOMABHAI:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:
SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRI RATANSINH MAGANSINH RATHOD:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:**

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

- (a) whether a large number of cases of Measles among children have been reported from various parts of the country including Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Kerala, Maharashtra and if so, the details along with the mortalities, if any thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has constituted a three Member High Level Multi-Disciplinary Teams separately in various parts of the country to take stock of the upsurge in measles cases and if so, the details thereof along with the composition/findings of the said teams;
- (c) whether the Government has had any deliberations with affected State Governments regarding the rising cases of measles/provision of assistance and if so, the details thereof along with the response of the State Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Union Government has sanctioned /released any fund for these States to counter the said diseases and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has called for any report for the same from the department and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the reasons for rising cases of measles along with the status of Measles Rubella Coverage Vaccination (MRCV), State-wise along with the measures taken by the Government for elimination of measles from the country by 2023?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

- (a) to (f): An upsurge in cases of measles has been reported during November 2022. Number of reported cases and deaths in affected States due to measles among children is at **Annexure I**.

Taking note of upsurge of cases from certain districts/cities of Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Gujarat and Kerala, Union Ministry of Health & family Welfare deployed multi-disciplinary Central teams comprising of public health specialists, paediatricians and microbiologists to assess the situation and provide technical support to the States.

The Central teams deployed noted need for further strengthening of disease surveillance activities, ramping up immunization with measles containing vaccines, managing vaccine hesitancy through intensive community awareness to cover all unimmunized children, improving case management through timely detection, referral and clinical management of cases etc. The findings of the Central Teams along with their recommendations were also formally conveyed to these States to take suitable necessary action to manage the upsurge of measles cases in the community. Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has coordinated with States/UTs to assist in the management of these cases.

Government of India provides financial assistance to States to improve their health infrastructure besides providing greater flexibility to States through flexible pool of funds under NHM which can be utilized as per felt need and field based priorities.

Details of funds released to affected states under National Health Mission (NHM) during the F.Y. 2019-20 and 2021-22 is given at **Annexure II**.

Additional measures prioritized by Union Ministry of Health in coordination with States to eliminate Measles and Rubella by 2023 include:

- a) Roadmap for Measles and Rubella (MR) Elimination has been prepared and distributed to the States and UTs across India which serves as a guidance tool for planning the elimination activities including strengthening of Measles and Rubella vaccine coverage and surveillance.
- b) Specific advisories have been issued to Maharashtra, Haryana and Jharkhand regarding key actions to be taken following outbreaks as a part of outbreak response.
- c) National workshop has been conducted for apprising the States/UT officers regarding MR elimination.

Annexure I

**Number of reported cases and deaths due to measles among children for the
aforementioned State (Data as on 12th December 2022)**

S. No.	State	Measles cases (Laboratory confirmed + Epidemiologically linked + Clinically compatible)	Suspected measles death (as reported by the State)
1.	Bihar	1,276	7
2.	Gujarat	1,650	9
3.	Haryana	1,537	3
4.	Jharkhand	2,683	8
5.	Kerala	195	0
6.	Maharashtra	3,075	13

Annexure II

State wise Central Release under National Health Mission (NHM) from F.Y. 2019-20 to 2021-22

(Rs. In Crore)

Sl. No.	State	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1.	Bihar	1510.68	1814.63	1748.76
2.	Gujarat	1110.8	1005.66	1094.48
3.	Haryana	567.71	531.5	577.07
4.	Jharkhand	830.63	602.8	640.18
5.	Kerala	836.14	788.22	771.47
6.	Maharashtra	1724.99	1833.59	1769.67