

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1060
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2025**

DEATH DUE TO SNAKE-BITE

**1060 SHRI VISHWESHWAR HEGDE KAGERI:
PROF. SOUGATA RAY:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that snakebite kill above 58,000 people per year in the country, close to half the global total;
- (b) if so, the details of snakebite deaths in the country especially in the rural areas since the last three years, State/UT-wise including Karnataka;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to reduce snakebite fatalities in the country by launching a National Action Plan, establishment of new serpentariums and modern research centres;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for not implementing a comprehensive national policy to stop snakebite deaths in the country;
- (e) whether snakebite deaths are more common during the south-west monsoon season (June-September), if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the antivenom used in India has undergone clinical trials to ensure meeting minimum quality standard and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY
WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (e): National Centre for Disease Control(NCDC) has launched National Action Plan for “Prevention and Control of Snake bite Envenoming(NAPSE)” which is a guidance document that aims at systematic reduction of Snakebite envenoming risk through sustained availability of Anti Snake Venom, Capacity building, referral mechanism and public education that can be accessed at <https://ncdc.mohfw.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/NATIONAL-ACTION-PLAN-FOR-PREVENTION-AND-CONTROL-OF-SNAKEBITE-ENVENOMING-NAPSE.pdf>.

To address the burden of Snakebite in India, NCDC, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) is implementing “Programme for Prevention and Control of Snakebite Envenoming” in all States/UTs under National Health Mission. The activities included are;

- Provision of Anti Snake Venom under National Free Drug Initiative

- Funds for Capacity building and training of Health care professionals
- Awareness campaigns
- Protocol for initial management of snakebite cases for Medical Officers at Primary Health Centre (PHC)/ Community Health Centre (CHC) level has been framed and disseminated to all States/UTs.

To strengthen surveillance of snakebite cases and deaths, States/ UTs have been advised by MoHFW to make it a notifiable disease.

Standardized training material on clinical management of snakebite envenoming for clinicians has been prepared and disseminated to the States which can be accessed at <https://qps.nhsrindia.org/sites/default/files/2021-05/Management%20of%20Snake%20Bite.pdf>

(f): Polyvalent Anti venom is procured by States/UTs from manufacturers approved by Drug Controller General of India.
