

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

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MENINGOCOCEMIA DISEASE

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

- (a) whether the Government has ascertained the causes of meningococemia ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) States which have been affected by this disease ;
- (a) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Govt. to check this disease and to prevent the same in future;
- (b) if so, the funds allotted to each State for combating it;
- (c) whether the reasons for shortage of medicines for the disease has been ascertained;
- (d) whether some patients have died owing to shortage of medicines for this disease; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE( SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): Meningococcal disease is an acute bacterial disease caused by the bacterium Meningococcus. The cases were reported from Delhi, Haryana, Chandigarh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttranchal.

(d) & (e): It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to prevent the disease and to provide the required facilities. Regular monitoring of disease is still continuing by the concerned State Governments. It was made mandatory to notify the disease. Efforts were made for early diagnosis and prompt treatment; Contact tracking of the patients and providing chemoprophylaxis. IEC activities were carried out with the participation of the communities. A Control Room has been set up at National Institute of Communicable Diseases to receive samples from hospitals to monitor and review the situation. Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme has been launched to strengthen surveillance activities and promote early detection of outbreak and institute appropriate action for prevention and control of epidemic communicable diseases including Meningococcomia.

(f) to (h): Adequate stock of medicines were available to treat the cases and to provide chemoprophylaxis to the patients.