

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1
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ENCEPHALITIS CASES IN UTTAR PRADESH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of persons, particularly in Eastern Uttar Pradesh, have been suffering from encephalitis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of encephalitis cases in various age-groups reported and treated in Government-run hospitals during the last six months, State-wise;
- (d) the number of patients who died and those rendered mentally/ physically crippled for life due to the disease, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken or contemplated by the Government to check the disease and administer special medical care for those rendered mentally crippled?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b): Eastern districts of Uttar Pradesh are endemic for viral encephalitis and there is upsurge in the number of cases during the monsoon and post monsoon months. The number of viral encephalitis cases & deaths attributable for encephalitis cases from U.P. is given below:-

Year	Cases	Deaths
2005	5581	1387
2006	1915	414

(upto 20th October)

However, the confirmed JE cases have down after JE immunization which was started in 2006.

(c): State-wise number of encephalitis cases in various age groups reported and treated in Govt. hospitals during the last six months as per reports received from the states is as below:-

No report has been received about physical or mental disability from any of the state this year except one reported case of mentally crippled patient from Assam.

(e): Govt. of India has the following strategies for prevention and control of JE:

Early diagnosis and proper management of JE cases to reduce case fatality through strengthening of diagnostic and clinical management of JE cases, and curative services at PHCs/CHCs and District Hospitals.

Integrated vector control with emphasis on personal protection

Behaviour Change Communication for community awareness to promote early case reporting, personal protection, isolation of amplifier host etc.

Capacity building through Training on case management and control of J.E. for PHC level officers in endemic states.

JE Vaccination

The States have been advised that cases with post JE sequel should be provided physiotherapy and special medical care in district

and medical college hospitals.