

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:31

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CASES OF SWINE FLU

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

- (a) whether cases of swine flu are increasing day by day in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore including the number of cases reported till date and the number of persons out of those cured or died, State/UT-wise and Gender-wise;
- (c) the financial and technical assistance provided by the Union Government so far to check swine-flu, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Union Government has issued fresh guidelines which specify screening and testing module for patients to contain the spread of disease in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the further steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for early diagnosis of swine flu and to increase the expertise in tackling the same?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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(a)& (b) State-wise and gender wise details of cases and deaths (as on 8th November 2009) due to Pandemic Influenza A H1N1 is at Annexure-I. The number of cases may go up as and when unaffected States start reporting community spread.

(c) The Central Government has so far spent/committed funds to the tune of Rs. 332.92 Crores. Direct financial assistance to the States has been in the form of Oseltamivir supplied to the States and for training. Details are at Annexure-II.

Technical guidelines have been developed and shared with all States. A planning checklist has also been provided to facilitate State/ District level planning. Forty one laboratories have been made operational across the country for testing clinical samples. Long term media plan is being implemented. Information, education, communication materials have been translated to 14 languages and provided to the State Governments. Central Rapid Response teams assisted the States of Punjab, Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka to contain/ mitigate the pandemic. Central Teams are visiting the States of Kerala and Rajasthan, presently reporting large number of cases.

(d) & (e) The revised guidelines aim at mitigating the pandemic by providing access to patients with influenza like illness to dedicated screening centres, categorizing them for home care or hospital care depending upon the risk and severity and providing treatment without testing. A copy of the guidelines is at Annexure-III. These are also available at our website <http://mohfw-h1n1.nic.in>.

(f) All States have been requested to gear up the State machinery and strengthen isolation facilities including critical care facilities at district level. Restricted Sale of drugs to treat influenza A H1N1 (Oseltamivir and Zanamivir) has been allowed through private chemists. In a worst case scenario, it would be allowed to be dispensed as schedule H drug.

Communication campaigns are being done so that people can learn to identify symptoms of early warning signs and modify health seeking behavior to report to screening centres as early as possible.