

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

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

- (a) whether cases of various types of hepatitis including Hepatitis C have been reported in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, type and State/UT-wise;
- (c) the programmes being implemented by the Government for control and treatment of cases of Hepatitis and the achievements made as a result thereof; and
- (d) the further measures being taken by the Government for providing affordable treatment and eradication of various types of Hepatitis in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) & (b): State/UT-wise reported cases of Viral Hepatitis (all causes) during the years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 are given in Annexure.

(c) & (d): Under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP), Government of India is providing Hepatitis B vaccine and operational cost of vaccination to States /UTs for preventing Hepatitis B infection.

Since April 2005, Government has introduced auto-disabled (AD) syringes for all vaccinations under the UIP in all States. AD syringes are single use, self-locking syringes that cannot be used more than once. This prevents misuse and contamination/ cross infection through repeated use of unsterile injection/ equipment. Routine screening of blood units for Hepatitis B & C has been made mandatory for all blood banks to detect and discard contaminated blood units.

Since the main cause of Hepatitis A & E is consumption of contaminated water, the Government of India has supported State Governments/local bodies for supply of safe drinking water through National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) and Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).

National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has started a programme on 'Surveillance of Viral Hepatitis in various Geographical locations of India' and also provides technical guidance to State Governments on prevention and control of water borne diseases including Hepatitis. States are supported in carrying out investigation of outbreaks of such diseases under Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP). NCDC also coordinates laboratory support for outbreak investigations and etiological diagnosis besides conducting regular training courses for development of trained manpower.