

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
POLICY OF WHO ON H N INFLUENZA PANDEMIC .

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

- (a) whether the World Health Organization (WHO) Chief has defended the policy to continue with high surveillance on the H1N1 influenza or swine flu pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the views expressed by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b) Yes. WHO has clarified that the present H1N1 Influenza (swine Flu) is a real Pandemic and all member states should continue surveillance for H1N1 Influenza.

(c) Government of India is of the view that the influenza virus is highly labile virus and has the potential to mutate and cause disease in a more severe form. Hence the virus needs to be monitored continuously through surveillance.