

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
MEASURES TO TACKLE JE IN UTTAR PRADESH .

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

- (a) whether Japanese Encephalitis (JE) is taking epidemic form in some districts of eastern Uttar Pradesh and large number of people are dying of it;
- (b) whether the vaccines made available by the Central Government against this disease have been found of poor quality added to that arrangement of vaccines was not made timely and the responsibility for this has also not been fixed so far;
- (c) whether Government will provide vaccine as per need of the State for permanent eradication of Japanese Encephalitis; and
- (d) if so, by when and whether any action plan has been made in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) No. Japanese Encephalitis (JE) is not taking an epidemic form in the districts of eastern Uttar Pradesh. Acute Encephalitis Syndrome(AES)/Japanese Encephalitis(JE) cases and deaths reported in Uttar Pradesh during the last two years and the current year are given below:

Year	Cases	Deaths
2008	3839	684
2009	4482	774
2010 (as on 31st July, 2010)	0618	103

(b) to (d) Government of India has been providing JE vaccine and logistic support for the JE vaccination in the high disease burden districts of Uttar Pradesh since 2006. As per the JE Coverage Evaluation Survey Report, 2008, the JE vaccination coverage in Gorakhpur was 52.3%. Subsequently, in consultation with the Government of Uttar Pradesh, a re-vaccination drive was decided to be conducted in seven districts of Gorakhpur and Basti Divisions.

As the annual JE vaccine procurement was in progress, Uttar Pradesh Government was offered available stock of vaccine and 15.47 lakh doses of JE vaccines were mobilized to the State before the scheduled JE vaccination drive from 31st May, 2010. Even before the supply of the vaccines for the campaign commenced, the Director General of Medical & Health Services expressed doubts about the quality of the vaccines. Therefore, Government of India also arranged for optical densitometry testing by M/s. Lisa Line Lifesciences Pvt. Ltd. to test the vaccine quality. Except for a small quantity stocked at Maharajganj, the vaccines were found to be usable. It may be noted that part of the same lot of vaccines were used successfully in Kaithal district of Haryana in May, 2010.

However, State of Uttar Pradesh deferred the JE vaccination drive.

In 2010-11, the State of Uttar Pradesh has been supplied 5,53,350 doses of JE vaccine for routine immunization and quantities required in future for immunization would also be supplied.