

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ANSWERED ON
SPREAD OF DENGUE IN THE COUNTRY .

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

- (a) the number of patients identified to be suffering from dengue all over the country especially in the National Capital Delhi in the year 2010 along with the steps being taken for prevention of this fatal disease;
- (b) the number of people who died of this disease this year along with the name of the States wherein the largest number of people suffered from dengue and died of it along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether some patients suffering from dengue had visited the United States of America (USA) also; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of USA in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) During 2010 (till 31st October), 19143 dengue cases have been reported from all over the country, out of which 5543 cases have been reported from National Capital Territory of Delhi.

Government of India through National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) reviews dengue situation at different intervals and provides technical assistance to States/UTs for prevention and control of the disease. Government of India also supplements the efforts of States/UTs by providing funds and commodities as per their project implementation plans under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). The situation is monitored regularly through daily reports received from State Governments. Central Cross Checking Organization (CCCO) of Directorate of NVBDCP also monitors implementation of anti-larval measures in areas of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) for elimination of Aedes mosquito breeding.

To augment the diagnosis facility for dengue, 170 Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals (SSHs) have been established across the country in the endemic States. 33 such SSHs are in NCT of Delhi. Government of India provides dengue test kits to these hospitals through National Institute of Virology Pune. Periodic reviews and field visits are carried out to assess the preparedness and to provide technical guidance to the State(s) to check spread of dengue.

(b) This year, total 82 deaths due to dengue have been reported in the country till 31st October, 2010.

Largest number of dengue cases were reported from Delhi (5543 cases including 8 deaths) followed by Kerala (2398 cases including 17 deaths), Punjab (2116 cases including 10 deaths) and Karnataka (2069 cases including 6 deaths).

The increased number of dengue cases in some parts of the country during 2010 as compared to previous years were due to extended and heavy rainfall during monsoon season along with construction activities resulting in creating conditions conducive for breeding of Aedes Aegypti mosquitoes.

(c) No report about visit of USA by some patients suffering from dengue has been received by the Government.

(d) Does not arise.

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