

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**DENGUE OUTBREAK IN DELHI .**

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Shri Shyamal Chakraborty

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a few dengue deaths took place in Delhi during the last four months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to expand the intake capacity of patients in hospitals and to check dengue outbreak in Delhi?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a)&(b) Yes. 8 deaths due to dengue have been reported in NCT of Delhi during the last four months.

(c) Directorate of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) reviewed dengue situation at different intervals of time and advised hospital authorities across Delhi to increase bed capacity as well as dedicate wards for dengue during high incidence period. Hospital authorities were also advised to identify nodal officers separately for vector control and other prevention measures Directorate of NVBDCP is regularly monitoring the situation through daily reports received from Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), the nodal agency for dengue in Delhi. Central Cross Checking Organization (CCCO) of Directorate of NVBDCP monitors implementation of anti-larval measures in areas of MCD and New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) for elimination of Aedes mosquito breeding. 33 Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals and two Apex Referral Laboratories have been identified in Delhi to augment the diagnosis facility for dengue. Government of India provides dengue test kits to these hospitals through National Institute of Virology Pune. Period 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. ....