

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
SETTING UP OF NICD BRANCH IN GUJARAT .

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

(a) the details of steps taken by the Ministry to minimize deaths in Southern Gujarat due to Leptospirosis disease;

(b) whether the Ministry has sent any proposal to the Department of Expenditure in past to set up National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) Branch in Gujarat; and

(c) whether the Ministry intend to send the proposal about NICD branch in Gujarat to the Ministry of Finance, once again?

ANSWER

THE MINSITER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

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(a): To reduce incidence of Leptospirosis and to provide early diagnosis and treatment to patients suffering from Leptospirosis, Government of India is implementing a Pilot Project in five states including Gujarat. The project covers Valsad, Navsari, Surat and Tapi districts of Gujarat State. The focus of the project is on early diagnosis and treatment of Leptospirosis cases, strengthening of patient management facilities and laboratories, training of health professionals, creating awareness in the community, and sensitizing agricultural and veterinary personnel.

The above activities have resulted in reduction in morbidity and mortality due to Leptospirosis in south Gujarat. The number of reported cases and deaths due to Leptospirosis in south Gujarat during last three years are given as under:

2007		2008		2009	
Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
507	123	536	109	225	49

(b) Yes. The proposal for setting up of a branch of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) (earlier known as NICD) was sent to Department of Expenditure. However, the proposal was turned down by the Department of Expenditure.

(c): There is no proposal to set up a branch of NCDC in Gujarat in view of the pilot project on Leptospirosis already under implementation and Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP) also being operational in the state.