

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3641
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH MARCH, 2018**

PRECAUTIONARY STEPS TO TACKLE SUMMER BOUND DISEASES

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to take precautionary steps to tackle the common summer bound diseases in view of newspaper reports that this year summer will be longer and more hotter;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has sent any advisory to States to tackle the situation and ensure safety for the poor due to heat waves; and
- (d) what are the deaths reported during last three years due to heat waves, State wise?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) & (b): Yes. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has been issuing Guidelines for preparation of Action Plan relating to prevention and management of heat. A national workshop on heat wave preparedness was held at Vijayawada in February 2018 which was attended by the concerned stakeholders and heat wave prone States.

(c): NDMA has issued an advisory on heat wave to all the states for taking necessary action as the primary responsibility to deal with the heat wave situation rests with states. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has also issued guidelines on Prevention and Management of Heat Related Illnesses to vulnerable states.

(d): State-wise details of deaths due to heat wave, as reported from the vulnerable States to the National Centre for Disease Control for last three years, are annexed.

Annexure

States	Deaths		
	2015	2016	2017
Andhra Pradesh	1422	723	74
Bihar	-	Nil	0
Chhattisgarh	-	1	0
Delhi	-	-	0
Gujarat	17	7	0
Haryana	Nil	Nil	0
Jharkhand	-	4	0
Karnataka	-	Nil	2
Maharashtra	-	7	9
Madhya Pradesh	-	Nil	3
Odisha	60	36	17
Punjab	Nil	Nil	0
Rajasthan	-	9	9
Tamil Nadu	Nil	Nil	0
Telangana	541	324	51
Uttar Pradesh	-	Nil	0
West Bengal	-	Nil	0

Source: Casualty data reported by Revenue and DM Divisions of respective State Governments to the Integrated Diseases Surveillance Project up to 31st July 2017. This figure is not final as some states are still verifying the claims regarding heat wave deaths.