

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 120
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH DECEMBER, 2018**

OUTBREAK OF ZIKA VIRUS

**120. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:
SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA:**

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

- (a) whether Zika virus has once again surfaced and has spread in many parts/ States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of cases tested positive during the current year, State-wise, and the number of persons died due to infection of Zika virus during this period; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to contain further spread of the deadly virus?

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

(a) & (b): Yes. Zika Virus Disease have been reported from the States of Rajasthan (Jaipur), Gujarat (Ahmedabad) and Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal, Vidisha, Sehore, Hoshangabad, Sagar and Raisen) during the period of September to November, 2018. Zika virus disease has the potential for spread given the wide geographical distribution of the mosquito vector (aedes mosquito that also spreads Dengue and Chikungunya) in India, a lack of immunity among population in newly affected areas and the high volume of international travel.

(c):

State	District	Laboratory confirmed cases	Total
Rajasthan	Jaipur	159	159
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	1	1
Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	54	130
	Hoshangabad	2	
	Vidisha	50	
	Sehore	21	
	Sagar	2	
	Raisen	1	

Two laboratory confirmed Zika deaths reported from Madhya Pradesh. In both these cases, death was due to concurrent co-morbid conditions (**due to Septic shock with Dengue encephalitis in one case and Multi Organ Failure due to septic Shock in the other**)

(d): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare took the following steps to contain further spread of Zika virus disease:

- The Zika action plan was implemented in all the affected States.
- Central teams were deployed to Jaipur (Rajasthan), Ahmedabad (Gujarat) and to Bhopal, Vidisha, Sehore and Sagar Districts of Madhya Pradesh to assist these States in containment operations.
- Hon'ble HFM and senior officers of the Ministry reviewed the situation on regular basis and modulated the action for containment.
- Union Secretary Health & FW reviewed the situation and preparedness to Zika virus diseases in all States through video conferencing with the states.
- Advisory were issued to all States/UTs to strengthen vector control activities and surveillance for Zika virus disease.
- Senior officers of the ministry visited the states of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh to oversee the containment operations.
- Joint Monitoring Group under the chairmanship of DGHS met regularly to review the current situation of Zika virus disease in the affected States.
- Indian Council of Medical Research supported the Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDL) in the affected States for testing clinical samples.
- IEC material prepared by MoHFW were provided to the three affected States.
- Surveillance strategy to ensure that the disease has not spread beyond the containment zone has been provided to the State of Rajasthan, and Madhya Pradesh.
- Financial support was ensured through National Health Mission.