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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2615
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH JULY, 2019

HOSPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO COMBAT AES OUTBREAK

2615. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that children in large numbers succumb to death due to fever in summer season in some districts of Bihar and some districts of Eastern Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider setting up of research institutes or special hospitals for its diagnos is so that its causes could be ascertained and proper arrangements for its treatment are put in place; and

(c) the plan of Government to solve this problem?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a): No deaths have been reported during the year 2019 due to Chikungunia, Dengue (till June), Lymphatic Filariasis, Kala-Azar (till June), and Malaria (till May) from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. The number of deaths reported due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar in the year 2019 are as under:

Uttar Pradesh *	21
Bihar #	184

***Till 07.07.2019**

 # Till 13.07.2019

(b): Government has decided to constitute inter-disciplinary, high quality research team to establish precise cause of recent Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) outbreak and also for timely intervention and management of AES in future to save precious human lives.

(c): As per Constitutional provisions, 'Health' is a state subject. However, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) have taken measures to support State in containment of AES cases as follows:

- **Union Health & Family Welfare Minister (HFM)** had reviewed the situation with Health Minister of Bihar and also with officials from Ministry.

- MoHFW had deputed a Central team of experts consisting of Public Health Specialist from various Central Government Institutes to assist the State Government in containment and management measures.
- HFM visited Bihar along with Minister of State (HFW) and team of officers. HFM reviewed the situation and also visited Shri Krishna Medical College & Hospital, (SKMCH), Muzaffarpur.
- MoHFW deployed another high level multi-disciplinary team to Muzaffarpur drawing senior Paediatricians from various central government Institutes to advise state in their efforts to manage the cases. Epidemiologists from National Center for Disease Control (NCDC), senior paediatricians, Laboratory technicians from central level are present in Muzaffarpur since 12th June 2019.
- Strategic Health Operations Centre (SHOC) facility of NCDC was activated to monitor the AES situation in Muzaffarpur and co-ordinate tasks at the field level.
- MoHFW had further deputed 5 teams of Doctors along with technicians from Central Government Hospitals to SKMCH to support clinical management.
- Central team consisting experts from Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) was also deployed at SKMCH. The team is also scrutinising and reviewing the case records of discharge and deceased patients using a standardised tool to know the reasons for mortality.
- Orientation training of all Paediatricians of SKMCH on clinical case management and treatment protocol of AES was conducted on regular basis by the Central Team of paediatricians.

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