

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 99  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020  
INJURIES AND DEATHS FROM SNAKEBITES**

**\*99. DR. AMAR PATNAIK:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is presently considered a high burden country in terms of snakebite deaths and injuries/ disabilities, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of snakebite deaths and injuries/disabilities in the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to address the issues related to reporting or non-reporting of the snakebite deaths/injuries in the country?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA  
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(a) & (b): Snake bite is mainly an accidental / occupational hazard in tropical and subtropical countries, where rural populations are mainly affected. It is a common occupational hazard mainly in farmers, plantation workers, herders and labourers leading to significant morbidity and mortality that remains largely unreported. The bites inflicted are frequently accidental as when snakes are trodden upon or could result due to sleeping on floor and open style habitation.

As per data available with Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), the State/UT-wise details of cases and deaths reported due to snake bites in the Country during the last three years are given in Annexure. As per provisional data under Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), a total of 2,20,872 snake-bite cases were reported during the year 2019. Data of cases and deaths due to snake-bite for the year 2019 are yet to be vetted by the concerned States / UTs.

As reported by CBHI, the number of cases reported during 2016 are 1,78,433; in 2017 are 1,58,650 and in 2018 are 1,64,031. Further, number of deaths reported are 1068 in 2016, 1060 in 2017 and 885 in 2018.

(c) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare have advised all State / UT Governments to report all snake-bite cases under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), include Anti Snake Venom Serum (ASVS) in the list of essential drugs of the State / UT and procure these drugs locally for supply to health facilities under National Health Mission (NHM).

Further, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has also constituted a “National Task Force for Research on Snake Bite in India” with the following national level multi-centric projects:

- (i) Nationwide Study to estimate incidence, mortality, morbidity and economic burden due to snakebite in India,
- (ii) ICMR National Snakebite Project (INSP) on capacity building of health system on prevention and management of snakebite envenomation including its complications.

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## State/UT-wise Cases and Deaths due to Snake Bite during the years 2016 – 2018

S. No.	State /U.T	2016		2017		2018 (Provisional)	
		Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1	Andhra Pradesh	20,809	28	20,953	85	25,964	117
2	Arunachal Pradesh	43	0	37	0	13	1
3	Assam	265	0	810	0	2,318	0
4	Bihar	3,334	11	2,848	14	2,924	31
5	Chhattisgarh	3,533	60	4,109	52	4,148	33
6	Goa	620	1	1,189	8	1,025	1
7	Gujarat	5,872	72	6,209	49	7,064	50
8	Haryana	814	4	944	6	977	7
9	Himachal Pradesh	1,587	23	1,465	9	2,105	30
10	Jammu & Kashmir	1,357	0	1,422	1	1,391	1
11	Jharkhand	749	15	788	2	481	2
12	Karnataka	9,730	46	8,084	28	7,507	30
13	Kerala	3,019	12	3,608	13	4,189	11
14	Madhya Pradesh	5,010	113	5,346	96	2,646	39
15	Maharashtra	29,629	67	16,708	35	18,707	32
16	Manipur	118	0	150	0	50	1
17	Meghalaya	405	0	282	2	327	0
18	Mizoram	205	0	278	0	368	0
19	Nagaland	106	0	136	0	245	0
20	Odisha	15,405	120	15,274	147	8,003	98
21	Punjab	1,511	8	918	3	1,421	4
22	Rajasthan	4,929	32	6,720	45	5,810	30
23	Sikkim	242	2	130	0	117	1
24	Tamil Nadu	16,277	44	13,668	38	14,027	50
25	Telangana	13,729	96	2,975	2	3,306	9
26	Tripura	430	1	779	1	813	2
27	Uttarakhand	194	3	128	0	208	2
28	Uttar Pradesh	6,640	118	7,448	128	7,623	73
29	West Bengal	25,481	138	31,072	268	36,229	203
30	A & N Islands	294	0	195	1	208	5
31	Chandigarh	3,089	36	1,294	9	829	14
32	D & N Haveli	609	9	626	7	733	4
33	Daman & Diu	51	0	99	0	130	0
34	Delhi	200	4	263	2	168	1
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	Pondicherry	2,147	5	1,695	9	1,957	3
	Total	1,78,433	1068	1,58,650	1060	1,64,031	885