

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.886
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH JULY, 2021**

CASES OF ZIKA VIRUS IN THE COUNTRY

886 SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

- (a) the details of cases of Zika virus reported in the country, as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the details of number of deaths reported due to Zika virus, as on date, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has taken steps to contain spread of Zika virus in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
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(a): State/UT and year wise details of Zika virus disease cases in the country as on 19th July 2021 is at **Annexure**.

(b): Two laboratory confirmed Zika deaths reported from Madhya Pradesh in 2018. In both these cases, death was due to concurrent co-morbid conditions.

(c) to (e): Government of India has taken the following preventive measures against ZIKA in the country:

- a) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare prepared and widely disseminated Zika action plan detailing control and containment activities to be followed in the event of an outbreak.
- b) GoI conducts vector survey through Regional Offices of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India in the International Airports and their surroundings in the country.
- c) Central Cross-checking Organization (CCCO), NVBDCP, GoI carry out entomological survey in the assigned International Airports of the country to maintain Aedes breeding free status.
- d) Advisories are issued to all State/UTs for intensification of vector control activities.
- e) Availability of insecticides and functioning of fogging machine status is monitored through monthly reports from the States.

- f) Surveillance for microcephaly in newborns is being undertaken under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare's Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK).
- g) Central multi-disciplinary teams have been deployed to investigate and support State health departments in control and containment activities during all these outbreaks. In the current outbreak in Kerala too, a multi-disciplinary Central Team visited Kerala from 10th to 21st July, 2021 in view of the Zika Virus Disease Outbreak investigation.

Annexure

State/UT and year wise details of Zika virus disease cases in the country as on 19th July 2021

State/UT	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021*
Gujarat	3	1	0	0	0
Tamil Nadu	1	0	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	0	130	0	0	0
Rajasthan	0	159	0	0	0
Kerala	0	0	0	0	36
Total	4	290	0	0	36