

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 238  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021**

**ZIKA VIRUS CASES IN UTTAR PRADESH**

**238. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:**

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

- (a) the details of Zika virus cases along with the total number of deaths reported in the country during the year 2021, State-wise;
- (b) the details of Zika virus cases reported in the State of Uttar Pradesh during 2021,district-wise;
- (c) the details of total number of deaths reported in the State of Uttar Pradesh due to Zika virus during 2021,district-wise;and
- (d) the details of measures taken to prevent the spread of Zika virus in the State of Uttar Pradesh?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (d):

In 2021, Zika virus has been reported from three States namely Uttar Pradesh (147), Kerala (83) and Maharashtra (1) making it a total of 231 cases. No deaths have occurred due to this virus as reported by these States.

A total number of 147 cases have been reported from four districts of Uttar Pradesh namely Kanpur (139), Lucknow (6), Unnao (1) and Kannauj (1).

The following measures have been reported to prevent spread of zika virus in the State of Uttar Pradesh:

- State has deputed State level Rapid Response Team (RRT) in the district for monitoring and supervision.
- Vector control measures have been intensified and a joint plan between municipal and health authorities has been formulated.
- Samples from suspected patients are daily sent to King George's Medical University (KGMU).
- State has established surveillance of fever cases in neighboring districts and samples from suspected cases are sent to KGMU for Zika virus testing.
- Daily review of containment measures is done at District and State level.

The Union Government has been extending the requisite technical and other support to the State Government in this regard. Public health experts were deputed and the mosquito samples brought by the team have been sent to NIMR, Delhi and samples found positive for Zika virus.

Technical Guidelines provided to the States including Uttar Pradesh for Aedes vector control which transmits Zika, Dengue and Chikungunya diseases.

Vector control activities have been reviewed and intensified as per National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control's guidelines and monitored in all States.

Advisories have been issued to States, including UP to strengthen the awareness and intensification of vector control activities.