

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. - 764
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2022**

NATIONAL PROGRAMME ON PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF SNAKE BITES

764. SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE:

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

- (a) whether Government plans to bring a dedicated National Programme on Prevention and Control of snake bites, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government plans to modify its standard treatment guidelines for snake bite cases published by the Ministry, and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to reduce on-site morbidities resulting from venomous snake bites; and
- (d) whether Government plans to provide any financial support to poor families who are victims of snake bite, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Government of India provides financial assistance to all states under National Health Mission(NHM) for strengthening public health care system including setting up of new hospitals and infrastructure upgradation under various schemes including management of snake bite cases also. Anti-Snake Venom has already been included in the National Essential Drug List.

Standard Treatment Guideline (STG) for Snakebite has been issued in 2017 by MoHFW for the purpose of training and clinical guidance for health professionals.

States are supported in terms of increasing awareness on snake bite prevention and first aid, capacity building of frontline health workers and IEC activities. Monitoring and Surveillance of Snake bite cases, Intersectoral coordination and advocacy are taken under NHM.

States have been asked to prepare an action plan for prevention and control of Snake bite envenoming including mapping of referral facilities. Dedicated activities for snake bites prevention have also been included under National Health Mission.
