

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

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 159
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH AUGUST, 2024**

SPREAD OF CHANDIPURA VIRUS

159 SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of cases of infections and deaths due to Chandipura virus in 2024, State-wise and age-wise;
- (b) whether any measure has been taken to prevent the outbreak of the Chandipura virus, specifically in children; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

- (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) As on 31st July, 2024 a total of 53 confirmed cases (51 from Gujarat and 2 from Rajasthan) of Chandipura virus (CHPV) have been reported. Of these 53 cases of Chandipura virus (CHPV), 19 have succumbed. All CHPV deaths are reported from Gujarat. State-wise and Age-wise details are at annexure.

(b) & (c) Yes. The steps taken to prevent the outbreak of Chandipura virus are as under-

I. Outbreak investigation:

- i. A National Joint Outbreak Response Team (NJORT) has been deployed to assist the Gujarat State Government for undertaking public health measures and for detailed epidemiological investigation into the outbreak. Experts from Integrated Disease Surveillance Program (IDSP), National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) & National Institute of Virology (NIV) Pune are part of the NJORT.
- ii. A team from the NCDC, New Delhi, & ICMR NIV Pune is undertaking an epidemiological investigation into the Acute Encephalitis cases and related deaths.
- iii. Entomologists from National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Government of India are stationed at the affected areas for undertaking entomological investigation to ascertain the vector involved in transmission of CHPV to human being.
- iv. Health rapid response teams and Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) & Auxiliary Nurse and Midwives (ANM) have conducted active surveillance for early identification of cases and timely referral of suspected cases to the nearby hospitals and medical colleges which are offering 24 hrs specialist services and ventilator support.

II. Vector control activities

Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) for control of vector (sandfly) has been intensified in the areas from which cases have been reported and covers adjoining areas.

III. IEC activities

- i. Information Education and Communication (IEC) activities have been initiated for awareness through Media Briefing, Radio Jingles, Health education programs on Doordarshan, News Bulletins and Do's & Don'ts to prevent and control the spread of disease.

- ii. House-to-House Interpersonal Communication has also been initiated for direct communication with households to spread awareness and educate them about preventive measures.

IV. Joint Advisory issued by NCDC & NCVBDC

A joint advisory has been issued by National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) & National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control (NCVBDC). The purpose of the advisory to ensure proper vector control measures are taken by State Governments. Along with that it provides guidance to the States for ensuring timely referral of suspected AES cases to designated facilities for improving the health outcomes. It also aims to create awareness among the community regarding prevention measures.

V. Monitoring and Supervision

- i. Public Health Emergency Operation Centre (PHEOC) at NCDC has been activated to coordinate the activities of the NJORT and provide requisite support to the field teams.
- ii. Government of India is closely monitoring and reviewing the situation in coordination with State Government.

Annexure

State-wise and Age-wise Distribution of Chandipura Virus Cases & Deaths reported in India in 2024 (as of 31.07.2024)					
		Gujarat		Rajasthan	
S.no	Age (Years)	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1	Less than 1	4	1	0	0
2	1 to 5	27	8	1	0
3	6 to 10	13	7	1	0
4	11 to 16	7	3	0	0
Total		51	19	2	0
