

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1721
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2024**

CASES OF NIPAH VIRUS

1721. SMT. SAGARIKA GHOSE:

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

- (a) the number of cases of Nipah Virus in the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the casualties due to Nipah Virus in the country, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to eradicate Nipah Virus in the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY
WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) & (b) In last 3 years (2021, 2023, 2024), Nipah Virus cases were reported in Kerala only. Details of cases and casualties due to Nipah virus during last three years is at Annexure.

(c) Steps taken to prevent the cases of Nipah virus outbreak are as follows-

- Integrated Disease Surveillance Program (IDSP) does the disease surveillance in the country. IDSP is implemented in all 36 States/UTs. The program is responsible for the surveillance of 40 plus epidemic prone diseases and outbreak investigation. IDSP plays a crucial role in prompt response and surveillance of emerging and re-emerging diseases including Nipah Virus disease in the country.
- Through surveillance mechanism the early warning signals are captured to generate alerts, detect outbreaks in the early rising phase, outbreak investigations are conducted and timely appropriate measures are undertaken by the respective public health agencies to control and prevent the further spread of the disease.
- A National Joint Outbreak Response Team (NJORT) **comprising of experts from Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Forest & Wildlife and human health** has been established for comprehensive assessment and review of these outbreaks.
- Mechanism of Public Health Emergency Operation Centre (PHEOC) has been established **at National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC)** to coordinate the activities of the NJORT and provide requisite support to the field teams.
- Nipah Virus guidelines have been issued for early detection of the infection, risk assessment measures for effective control and prevention of the Nipah Virus Infection cases.
- **A Communicable Diseases alert (CD alert)** was also issued in September 2023, which can be accessed on following link.
<https://ncdc.mohfw.gov.in/cd-alert/>

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) &(b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1721 FOR 10.12.2024 REGARDING CASES OF
NIPAH VIRUS**

Year- Wise Nipah Virus Disease Outbreaks in India				
S.No.	Year	State (District)	Total Cases	Total deaths
1	2021	Kerala (Kozhikode)	1	1
2	2023	Kerala (Kozhikode)	6	2
3	2024	Kerala (Malappuram)	2	2