

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1416
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2025**

GUILLAIN-BARRE-SYNDROME CASES IN MAHARASHTRA

1416 SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether a large number of Guillain-Barre-Syndrome (GBS), a rare nerve disorder, suspected cases have been reported in the State of Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total number of persons infected and died due to GBS in the State till now;
- (c) whether Government has sent any team to access the current situation and collect samples from various locations across the State;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with outcome thereto; and
- (e) whether any central assistance has been provided by the Union Government to the State Government or relatives of the persons died or suffering from GBS and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As on 03rd March, 2025, a total of 224 cases and 12 deaths (suspected and confirmed) of Guillain-Barre-Syndrome (GBS) have been reported in Maharashtra.

(c) & (d): Central technical team was deployed on 24/01/2025 comprising experts from the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) and National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune on site to study the pathogens and outbreak. Majority of cases have been reported from specific clusters in Pune, with additional cases in Nanded. These areas have been mapped for epidemiological investigation. The study was focused on identifying the exact source of the outbreak, with a thorough examination of water supply systems, sources of water, and other relevant factors. The investigation indicated that the most likely precursor of GBS in this population group is prior infections caused by Campylobacter.

(e) Public Health and Hospitals is a State Subject, the responsibility of strengthening public healthcare system lies with the respective State/ UT Governments. Under National Health Mission (NHM), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) provides technical and financial support to States/UTs for strengthening their healthcare systems based on the proposals submitted by them in their Program Implementation Plans (PIPs), subject to norms & availability of resources. However, the Union Government has not provided central assistance to the State Government or relatives of the persons died or suffering from GBS.
