

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2040  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2025**

**GUILLAIN-BARRÉ SYNDROME (GBS) OUTBREAK**

**2040 SHRI BABUBHAI JESANGBHAI DESAI:**

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government is aware of the recent outbreak of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) in various states, which has affected 166 individuals and resulted in five fatalities;
- (b) if so, whether investigations have identified the bacterium *Campylobacter jejuni* as the causative agent, transmitted through contaminated water sources;
- (c) the measures taken to ensure the safety of drinking water in the affected areas, including the maintenance of adequate chlorine levels to prevent further contamination; and
- (d) the steps being implemented to provide medical treatment to the affected individuals and to prevent the spread of GBS to other regions?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): Government of India is aware of the outbreak of Guillain-Barre-Syndrome (GBS). The investigation indicated that the most likely precursor of GBS in this population group is prior infections caused by *Campylobacter*.

(c) & (d) Steps taken by the Government to prevent the spread of GBS and ensure safety of drinking water;

- Strengthening sanitation and hygiene measures.
- Efforts are made to ensure an uninterrupted supply of treated and clean water.
- Water sources are examined for leaks and damages, and corrective measures are taken.
- Nodal officer have been appointed in private hospitals and chlorination have been done in wells.
- Tankers of clean water have been arranged.
- Have conducted massive Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaigns to raise awareness at the community level,
- Designated isolation wards set-up in government hospitals and special packages under PM-JAY scheme have been included for treatment of GBS.
- Have expanded testing for suspected cases and collaborated with local authorities to contain the spread.

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