

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

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 173
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH DECEMBER, 2025**

MEASURES TO REDUCE DENGUE BURDEN

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

- (a) whether State-specific measures would be introduced to reduce the high economic burden of Dengue in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether Dengue surveillance system - Integrated Health Information Platform, Sentine Hospitals and Referral Labs — has been reviewed to identify gaps in early detection and reporting;
- (c) whether new technologies or improved diagnostic methods are being considered to reduce dengue deaths, especially among the youth;
- (d) whether additional support, laboratories or training will be provided to Andhra Pradesh to strengthen Dengue prevention and case management; and
- (e) the details of new steps proposed under National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme and National Health Mission for better Dengue control and community awareness?

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

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a) to (e) The National Center for Vector Borne Diseases Control (NCVBDC) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare administers an umbrella programme, namely, National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) for prevention and control of vector borne diseases such as Dengue in the country. It provides policy implementation plan, guidelines, technical guidance, and financial support to the States/UTs including Andhra Pradesh as per the approved annual Programme Implementation Plan (PIP). National strategies are being implemented by the States including Andhra Pradesh to minimize the economic burden and health impacts of dengue.

Till November, 2025, there is 48.85% decline in dengue cases and 64.15% decline in dengue deaths reported across the country as compared to the corresponding period of 2024.

Government of India (GoI) has taken the following measures for prevention and control of Dengue in the Country including Andhra Pradesh:

- Under National Health Mission, budgetary support is provided to States/UTs for Dengue control activities i.e., case management, vector control activities, training support, awareness activities, etc.
- Advisories are regularly issued to States and Union Territories to continue promotive, preventive, and curative measures, including outbreak containment.
- The Ministry is regularly reviewing and monitoring the disease situation through the reports submitted by the States/UTs.
- For real time monitoring, States have been trained to enter the data on Integrated Health Information Platform-Vector Borne Diseases (IHIP-VBD) portal.
- Dengue surveillance system including Integrated Health Information Platform, functioning of Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals and Apex Referral laboratories are reviewed from time to time.
- For surveillance and free of cost diagnosis of Dengue, 869 Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals and 27 Apex Referral laboratories identified across the Country. IgM test kits are provided to all identified laboratories through National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune.
- Free test kits are provided to States for timely diagnosis of dengue and for further case management leading to decrease in deaths due to Dengue including among the youth.
- NCVBDC has developed and updated the National Guidelines on Dengue case management and National level Trainings are being conducted for doctors as Master trainers for the States.
- National level Trainings imparted to entomologists on Integrated Vector Management to prevent the transmission.
- The Case Fatality Rate (deaths per 100 cases) of Dengue at National level is sustained at less than 1.0% since 2008, currently it is 0.08% in 2025 (till 30th November).
- For awareness of the community, various IEC activities undertaken like interpersonal communication, dissemination of messages emphasizing keeping the houses and surroundings mosquito breeding free, observance of 'National Dengue Day' on 16th May and Anti-Dengue Month in July with focused Information Education Communication/ Behaviour Change Communication (IEC/BCC) activities and advocacy.
