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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2026**

SNAKEBITE CASES IN THE COUNTRY

462. SHRI SANJAY KUMAR JHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that about 5 million snakebites occur each year, resulting in up to 2.7 million envenomings, published reports suggest that between 81,000 and 138,000 deaths occur each year and snakebite envenoming causes as many as 400,000 amputations and other permanent disabilities; and

(b) if so, the steps the Ministry has initiated to ensure access to timely medical help for victims of snake bites?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The numbers quoted are estimates based on several academic studies and global databases by various agencies. The Government with the objectives to reduce the morbidity, mortality and its associated complications in humans due to Snakebite is implementing National Programme for Prevention and Control of Snakebite Envenoming in all States/UTs.

Further, Ministry has launched the National Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Snakebite Envenoming (NAPSE). It is a guidance document that aims at systematic reduction of Snakebite envenoming risk through sustained availability of Anti Snake Venom, Capacity building, referral mechanism and public education. The details may accessed at; <https://ncdc.mohfw.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/NATIONAL-ACTION-PLAN-FOR-PREVENTION-AND-CONTROL-OF-SNAKEBITE-ENVENOMING-NAPSE.pdf>.

To promote snakebite awareness, prevention, and control within communities, the Ministry has developed a comprehensive set of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials and videos. The materials include:

- A Booklet on Snakebite Prevention and Control: Available in both Hindi and English, this booklet provides comprehensive guidelines on snakebite prevention, control, and initial first aid measures for snakebite victims.

- Posters on Do's and Don'ts for Snakebites: Designed for use in the general community, these posters are available in Hindi and English, offering practical advice to minimize risks and ensure proper response to snakebites.
- A 7-minute Video on Snakebite Awareness: Produced in 10 regional languages, this video aims to educate diverse populations effectively about snakebite prevention, first aid, and the importance of seeking timely medical attention. The awareness video has been disseminated to States/UTs for generating awareness in the community.
- Snakebite Helpline Number (15400): Initially launched for five states (Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, and Assam)
- National webinars are organized for healthcare professionals from across the country to share their experiences, discuss the challenges they face, and explore opportunities to improve the management of snakebite cases.
- Link for IEC available at public domain: <https://ncdc.mohfw.gov.in/snakebite/>.
