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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 552 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH NOVEMBER, 2016

SPANISH INFLUENZA

552. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

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

- (a) whether Spanish Influenza is rapidly spreading in the country; and
- (b) if so, the preventive measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to control Spanish Influenza in the country?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) & (b): No. However, Govt. of India has taken adequate measures to prevent/control Seasonal Influenza including Influenza A H1N1, that caused pandemic in 2009, in terms of influenza surveillance, laboratory support, stocking the drug Oseltamivir, personal protective equipment, daily monitoring and keeping IEC materials ready to be rolled out at the time of an outbreak.