

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1890  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2017**

**ASTHMA AMONG CHILDREN**

**1890. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:**

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

- (a) whether the problem of Asthma is increasing especially among children in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to take necessary steps to check this problem; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b) There is a slight increase in the cases of the Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) as reported by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI). No separate data is available for Asthma and for children. The details of the cases reported due to ARI during last three years and current year are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Cases</b>
2014	34835743
2015	37485713
2016 (Prov.)	40303141
2017 (Prov.)	27956445

(c) & (d): Government of India has taken following steps to tackle the problem of ARI:

1. Government has taken various measures to control environmental pollution including tightening of vehicular and industrial norms, promotion of cleaner technologies, strengthening of network of air quality monitoring stations, promoting public awareness etc.
2. Under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, the Districts and States have been strengthened by providing manpower, training of identified Rapid Response Team (RRT) members for outbreak investigations, strengthening of laboratories for detection of epidemic prone diseases including acute respiratory infections.
3. Under Reproductive and Child Health Programme, prevention and treatment of acute respiratory infection including pneumonia is being addressed on priority basis.

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