

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1903
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH DECEMBER, 2017**

SNAKE ANTIVENOM

1903. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

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

(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy/scheme to provide snake antivenom injections/antidotes against poisonous insects/animal bite in the Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and rural hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of deaths reported due to non-availability of snake antivenom and anti-rabies injection during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) to (d) Central Government provides assistance to the States for strengthening of health infrastructure under the National Health Mission. This facilitates treatment for various diseases and emergencies including snake bites. Health being a State subject, the Ministry has asked the States to procure anti-snake venom serum under National Health Mission after reflecting the same in their annual PIP for approvals.

Rabies is transmitted to the humans following bite of animals (dogs, cats, monkeys, mongoose etc.) infected by rabies virus. For prevention of deaths due to Rabies, Government of India is implementing the National Rabies Control Programme in the country. The objectives of the program are to:

- Prevent human deaths due to rabies
- Prevent transmission of rabies virus in dog population
- Mass vaccination of dogs.
- Dog population management
- Strengthening surveillance & response.

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To prevent deaths due to human rabies, the strategy adopted is to implement more cost effective Intra Dermal (ID) route of inoculation for anti-rabies vaccines for Category II & Category III bites and infiltration of Rabies immunoglobulin in all Cat III bites in all major anti-rabies clinics of government health facilities.

The States are asked to organize training of health professional on animal bite management and ID route of anti-rabies vaccination, IEC activities for community awareness on dos' and don'ts in the event of animal bite, strengthening surveillance of human rabies and strengthening lab diagnostics for rabies.

As per reports received from the States, details of State wise deaths due to snake bite and rabies, during the last three years in the country are at **Annexure I and II** respectively.

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Annexure I

State/UT-wise Deaths due to Snake Bite reported during the years 2014 – 2016

Sl.No.	State /U.T	2014	2015	2016 (Prov.)	Ref. period from Jan. 2016, upto
		Deaths	Deaths	Deaths	
1	Andhra Pradesh*	61	46	33	Dec. 2016
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	Dec. 2016
3	Assam	0	0	0	Dec. 2016
4	Bihar	9	21	11	Dec. 2016
5	Chhattisgarh	26	32	62	Dec. 2016
6	Goa	3	0	1	Dec. 2016
7	Gujarat	109	78	72	Dec. 2016
8	Haryana	6	8	4	Dec. 2016
9	Himachal Pradesh	19	25	21	Dec. 2016
10	Jammu & Kashmir	2	2	0	Dec. 2016
11	Jharkhand	19	4	15	Dec. 2016
12	Karnataka	75	53	43	Dec. 2016
13	Kerala	4	18	11	Dec. 2016
14	Madhya Pradesh	162	114	113	Dec. 2016
15	Maharashtra	40	37	67	Dec. 2016
16	Manipur	0	0	0	Dec. 2016
17	Meghalaya	**	1	0	Dec. 2016
18	Mizoram	0	0	0	Dec. 2016
19	Nagaland	0	0	0	Dec. 2016
20	Odisha	196	261	120	Dec. 2016
21	Punjab	15	11	8	Dec. 2016
22	Rajasthan	72	58	34	Dec. 2016
23	Sikkim	0	0	2	Dec. 2016
24	Tamil Nadu	35	74	46	Dec. 2016
25	Telangana	NA	53	93	Oct. 2016
26	Tripura	1	0	1	Dec. 2016
27	Uttarakhand	2	1	2	Dec. 2016
28	Uttar Pradesh	82	78	116	Dec. 2016
29	West Bengal	138	171	138	Dec. 2016
30	A & N Islands	3	12	0	Dec. 2016
31	Chandigarh	10	16	36	Dec. 2016
32	D & N Haveli	0	3	9	Dec. 2016
33	Daman & Diu	0	1	0	Dec. 2016
34	Delhi	1	6	1	Dec. 2016
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	Dec. 2016
36	Puducherry	37	35	5	Dec. 2016
Total		1127	1219	1064	

Source: Monthly Health Condition Reports from Directorate of Health Services of States/UTs

Note: 2014: * Excludes data of 10 districts of Telangana from July onwards.

2014: ** Meghalaya data is not available.

Annexure II

State/UT-wise Deaths due to Rabies reported during the years 2014 – 2016

S.No.	State /U.T	2014	2015	2016 (Provisional)	Ref. period from Jan. 2016, upto
		Deaths	Deaths	Deaths	
1	Andhra Pradesh*	0	1	0	Dec. 2016
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	Dec. 2016
3	Assam	0	0	0	Dec. 2016
4	Bihar	0	1	4	Dec. 2016
5	Chhattisgarh	2	3	0	Dec. 2016
6	Goa	0	0	0	Dec. 2016 exc Sep
7	Gujarat	0	8	1	Dec. 2016
8	Haryana	0	0	0	Dec. 2016
9	Himachal Pradesh	1	2	0	Dec. 2016
10	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0	Dec. 2016
11	Jharkhand	0	0	1	Dec. 2016
12	Karnataka	11	9	19	Dec. 2016
13	Kerala	5	7	2	Dec. 2016
14	Madhya Pradesh	2	11	0	Dec. 2016
15	Maharashtra	1	0	1	Dec. 2016
16	Manipur	0	0	0	Dec. 2016
17	Meghalaya	0	1	0	Dec. 2016
18	Mizoram	0	0	0	Dec. 2016
19	Nagaland	0	0	0	Dec. 2016
20	Odisha	3	6	3	Dec. 2016
21	Punjab	0	0	0	Dec. 2016
22	Rajasthan	0	1	0	Dec. 2016
23	Sikkim	0	3	0	Dec. 2016
24	Tamil Nadu	5	1	1	Dec. 2016
25	Telangana	NA	0	0	Oct. 2016
26	Tripura	1	0	3	Dec. 2016
27	Uttarakhand	6	0	0	Dec. 2016
28	Uttar Pradesh	1	0	0	Dec. 2016
29	West Bengal	52	47	47	Dec. 2016
30	A & N Islands	0	0	0	Dec. 2016
31	Chandigarh	0	0	0	Dec. 2016
32	D & N Haveli	0	0	0	Dec. 2016
33	Daman & Diu	1	0	0	Dec. 2016
34	Delhi	13	12	4	Dec. 2016
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	Dec. 2016
36	Puducherry	0	0	0	Dec. 2016
Total		104	113	86	

Source: Monthly Health Condition Reports from Directorate of Health Services of States/UTs

Note: 2014: * Excludes data of 10 districts of Telangana from July onwards.