

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2996
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH JANUARY, 2018**

ZOONOTIC DISEASES

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

- (a) whether there is a serious threat from zoonotic diseases as India contributes nearly a third of global deaths due to rabies; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to control zoonotic diseases?

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

(a) & (b): Yes. Most of the emerging diseases globally are zoonotic in nature and India also faces the threat for same. The States/UTs wise details of deaths as reported by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI) due to rabies during 2015 and 2016 are placed at Annexure.

Government of India has implemented The Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) under NHM in all States/UTs with the objective to detect and respond to disease outbreaks due to epidemic prone diseases including zoonotic diseases. To prevent the spread such outbreaks, under IDSP States/UTs are provided with additional manpower, training of identified Rapid Response Team (RRT) members for outbreak investigations, strengthening of laboratories for detection of epidemic prone diseases, IT equipment for data entry, analysis and data transfer, and provision of funds for operationalization. Under IDSP, a position of a Veterinary Consultant has been sanctioned at Central level at State Surveillance unit and States/Districts has been requested to add a veterinary officer in the rapid response teams to manage outbreaks due to zoonotic diseases. The IDSP Manual for Veterinary Doctors on Zoonotic Diseases has been published and available on www.ncdc.gov.in

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National Programme for Strengthening Intersectoral Coordination for Prevention & Control of Zoonotic Diseases is also coordinated through National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC). Under the programme, activities focused to address priority zoonotic diseases: Rabies, Leptospirosis, Plague, Anthrax, Brucellosis and Rickettsial infections. Under this program regular Joint Orientation workshops are organized for medical and veterinary professionals for capacity building on various aspects of zoonotic diseases.

Disease specific National Programs based on ‘One Health’ approach approved by Government of India in 12th Five Year Plan are as follows:

1. National Rabies Control Program
2. Program for prevention and control of Leptospirosis.

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Annexure**State/UT-wise Deaths due to Rabies reported during the years 2015 – 2016**

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

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