

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3119
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH JANUARY, 2018**

NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND HUMAN HEALTH

**3119. SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
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SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has constituted an expert Committee on National Action Plan on Climate Change and Human Health and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the main recommendations made by the Committee;
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee;
- (e) whether the Government has constituted an Environment and Climate Change Cell under the Directorate General of Health Services; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the matters dealt by said Cell?

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

(a): Yes, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, has constituted a National Expert Group on Climate Change and Health in the year 2015 under the chairmanship of Dr Vishwa Mohan Katoch, Former Secretary (Health Research), & Former DG, Indian Council of Medical Research. The Expert group has members from Indian Council of Medical Research, National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Public Health Foundation of India, National Disaster Management Authority, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, The Energy and Resources Institute, World Health Organization and National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) etc. Director, NCDC is member secretary for this expert group and for drafting the National Action Plan on Climate Change & Human Health (NAPCCH).

(b): The Expert Group met thrice on 12/08/2015, 07/01/2016 and 21/04/2016. After detailed deliberations, expert group has prepared a draft on National Action Plan on Climate Change and Human Health. The draft of NAPCCHH was submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change on 18th November 2016. The draft is under revision based on the inputs received from stakeholders and general public.

(c): Main Recommendations for all States and UTs are as follows:

- Establishment of a dedicated cell namely 'State Health Cell for Environment & Climate Change', for providing Climate Health Services.
- Identification of Nodal Officer for climate health services from State Health Department/ Ministry.
- Constitution of Expert team/ task force comprising of Regional Directors (Health), State Surveillance Officers (Health) representatives from State Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Regional Metrological Office (IMD), State Pollution Control Board, Drinking Water and Sanitation, Agriculture, Earth Sciences (including metallurgy), ICMR branch (if any in the State) and Disaster Management Authority.
- The Nodal officer and the expert team have to assess vulnerability and do risk mapping for the climate sensitive illnesses in their respective States and UTs, based upon the demography, health related statistics, healthcare infrastructure, geo-physical and climate variables etc.
- Strengthen/ Develop surveillance system like IDSP for climate sensitive illnesses in State and Union Territories.

(d): Four Regional Consultations have been conducted to address the diversity of India in terms of geography, climatic conditions, resources and infrastructure etc.

These Regional consultations and other related communications with States and UTs have resulted in sensitization for the impact of Climate Change on Human Health. Also States and UTs are being encouraged to draft the State-specific Health action Plan for Climate sensitive diseases.

(e) & (f): Environmental Health and Climate Change work is being handled in the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) Section of Directorate General of Health Services. Health issues related to Environment Climate Change and Bio-Medical Waste Management are handled in the EPI Section.