

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 76  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018**

**INFLUENZA AMONG CHILDREN**

**76. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:**

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

- (a) the number of children under five years died due to influenza (flu) since 2016 till date;
- (b) the steps being taken/likely to be taken by the Government to prevent influenza;
- c) whether the Government is considering/likely to consider vaccination to prevent influenza;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a): The number of cases and deaths of all ages due to seasonal influenza (H1N1) as reported by States/UTs to National Centre of Disease Control (NCDC) since 2016 is as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018 Up to 28.01.2018</b>
Cases	1786	38810	726
Deaths	265	2264	55

(b) to (e): National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Delhi, through Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) undertakes surveillance for Influenza like Illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Infections (SARI) supported by network of laboratories.

The Government of India provides regular guidance on use of Influenza vaccine depending on the type of strain prevalent in the community. However, mass vaccination is not recommended and vaccination is recommended for certain identified high risk groups like health care workers and pregnant women and person with chronic diseases.

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