

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2005
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST DECEMBER, 2018**

NIPAH VIRUS

2005. PROF. RICHARD HAY:

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

- (a) Whether the Nipah Virus had claimed 18 lives in Kerala and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) the number of people who died due to Nipah Virus in the country during the current year till date; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to control the spread of disease due to Nipah Virus in the country particularly in Kerala along with funds allocated for the purpose?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The National Centre for Disease Control has reported 17 deaths due to Nipah virus disease from the Kozhikode and Malappuram districts of Kerala this year, out of which 16 deaths were laboratory confirmed. No other confirmed case of Nipah virus disease was reported from any other part of the country during this year.

(c): Multi-disciplinary Central Teams consisting of doctors and other experts were immediately sent to assist the State Government in epidemiological investigation, contact tracing, surveillance, technical support for firming up treatment protocols, ventilator management, infection prevention and control measures and use of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). The Central teams also assisted the State Government for risk communication to the community, public, stakeholders and other partners. With the timely intervention by the Centre and the State Governments, the spread of the disease was contained immediately.