

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2854
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH DECEMBER, 2018**

ADVISORY FOR ASTHMA PATIENTS

2854. SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH:

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

- (a) whether it has been stated in the health advisory issued to the common man that asthma patients should not go in open areas and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the measures taken by the Government for asthma patients in the country; and
- (c) whether the Government has any scheme to provide free safety masks in schools, hospitals and at crowded places and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a): As per the advisory issued by Government of India, if Air Quality Index is above 200 then asthma patients should avoid outdoor physical activities.

(b): Government of India has taken various measures to control environmental pollution including tightening of vehicular and industrial norms, promotion of cleaner technologies, strengthening of network of air quality monitoring stations, promoting public awareness etc.

Under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, the Districts and States have been strengthened by providing manpower, training of identified Rapid Response Team (RRT) members for outbreak investigations, strengthening of laboratories for detection of epidemic prone diseases including acute respiratory infections.

(c): No.