

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1099
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH FEBRUARY, 2019**

TREATMENT OF SNAKE BITE

**1099. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of a new medicine that has been developed for the treatment of snake bite costing just rupees 60;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of persons who have fallen victim of snake bite in the country along with the number of persons died of snake bite every year; and
- (d) the efforts made by the Government to reduce the cost of treatment of snake bite?

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

(a) & (b): The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) approves anti-snake venom for treatment of snake bite. CDSCO has not received any application for manufacturing or import of any new medicine developed for snake bite.

(c): Number of cases and deaths due to Snake bite reported during the last three years are as under:

Year	Cases	Deaths
2016	1,78,433	1,068
2017 *	1,42,366	948
2018 *	1,19,488	689

* Data Provisional

(d): To reduce the cost of treatment of Snake Bite, the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has notified the ceiling price of Snake Venom Antiserum Lyophilized Polyvalent (Powder for Injection) at Rs. 523 for 10 ml pack and Snake Venom Antiserum Soluble/Liquid Polyvalent (Injection) at Rs. 406.14 for 10 ml pack, these being scheduled formulations mentioned in the National List of Essential Medicines-2015.