

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1270
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH JUNE, 2019**

EPIDEMIC DISEASE

1270. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

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

- (a) the criteria set by the Government for declaring any disease an epidemic;
- (b) the names of diseases spreaded in the country during the last five years; and
- (c) the details of disease out of the same declared epidemic across the country, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a): Government of India has not set criteria for declaring any disease epidemic. However, as per World Health Organization, an epidemic is occurrence in community or region of cases of an illness, specific health related behaviour or other health related events in excess of normal expectancy.

(b) & (c): Government of India initiated Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) in all States/UTs with the objective to detect and respond to outbreaks due to epidemic prone diseases. Under IDSP, weekly data on morbidity for epidemic prone is collected and analysed to detect early rising phase of disease outbreaks, which is reported and responded to by trained Districts/States Rapid Response Teams.

Outbreaks reported and responded in the last five years are Acute Diarrheal Diseases (ADD), Acute Encephalitis Syndrome, Anthrax, Chickenpox, Chikungunya, Cholera, Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic fever (CCHF), Dengue, Diphtheria, Dysentery, Enteric Fever, Fever with Rash, Food Poisoning, Influenza A H1N1, Influenza A H3N2, Influenza B, Jaundice, Kala Azar, Kyasanur Forest Disease, Leptospirosis, Malaria, Measles, Measles & Rubella, Mumps, Nipah Viral Encephalitis, Pertussis, Rubella, Scrub Typhus, Viral Fever, Viral Hepatitis, Viral Hepatitis A, B, C & E, Zika Virus Disease (ZVD), Mushroom Poisoning, Fever with Arthralgia, Filariasis, etc.

None of the disease was declared epidemic across the country/State/UT.