

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5678
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH JULY, 2019**

DEATH OF INFANTS

5678. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the recent outbreak of disease among children in certain States/UTs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of children who have died due to such outbreaks during the last three years, State/UT-wise including West Bengal;
- (c) whether sufficient medical equipments are available in hospitals of the country to check diseases affecting children and to protect such children in States;
- (d) if so, the total number of children died due to the shortage of medical equipments during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government has prepared any list of hospitals in States/ UTs which have shown negligence in procurement of medical equipments, if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon?

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

(a) & (b): The National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) covers six Vector Borne Diseases (VBDs) in the country viz. Malaria, Dengue, Chikungunya, Kala-Azar, Japanese Encephalitis, and Lymphatic Filariasis which are outbreak prone. Recent outbreak of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) / Japanese Encephalitis (JE) has been reported from states of Assam and Bihar.

The State/UT wise details of total number of deaths including children, reported due to JE during the last three years including West Bengal is given in Annexure.

(c) to (e): As per constitutional provisions, Health is a State subject. Government of India provides technical and financial support and training to health functionaries of State Government for more effective containment and management of any disease outbreak. The Government of India also provides regular financial and technical support to the State Governments under National Health Mission (NHM) and various other Tertiary sector schemes for strengthening of healthcare infrastructure in the States/UTs including for procurement of medical equipments. No specific cases of death have been reported by States due to shortage of medical equipment to Government of India.

State/UT wise deaths due to JE during the years 2016-19

S. No.	Affected States/UTs	2016	2017	2018	2019 (till 23.7.2019)
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0
3	Assam	92	87	94	110
4	Bihar	25	11	11	1
5	Delhi	0	0	0	0
6	Goa	0	0	0	0
7	Haryana	0	1	0	0
8	Jharkhand	5	1	0	2
9	Karnataka	0	2	5	0
10	Kerala	0	0	2	0
11	Maharashtra	1	0	1	1
12	Manipur	1	10	3	1
13	Meghalaya	4	4	6	2
14	Nagaland	0	2	0	0
15	Odisha	42	0	0	1
16	Punjab	0	1	0	0
17	Tamil Nadu	0	2	0	1
18	Telangana	0	0	0	0
19	Tripura	1	0	0	0
20	Uttar Pradesh	73	93	25	2
21	Uttarakhand	0	0	0	0
22	West Bengal	39	40	35	4
Total		283	254	182	125