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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. - 1627 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2022

OUTBREAK OF VIRAL DISEASES IN ODISHA

1627. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to the State Government of Odisha to control the outbreak of viral diseases such as cholera, dengue, measles, hepatitis, etc.;
- (b) if so, the details of the viral diseases of such outbreak in Odisha during the last 2 years;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to monitor the health preparedness of the authorities in Odisha dealing with outbreak of viral diseases;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of deaths due to the outbreak of viral diseases apart from Covid-19 in Odisha during the year 2021 and 2022, yearwise; and
- (e) whether the Government has allocated any funds to the State Government of Odisha to deal with the outbreak of viral and water borne diseases and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (e):

Union Health Ministry provides regular technical guidelines to all States/UTs including Odisha for prevention, control, community awareness and management of cases of viral diseases including dengue & Chikungunya and Japanese Encephalitis. Union Health Ministry has issued 12 advisories for prevention and control of mosquito borne viral diseases and 2 for Japanese Encephalitis during 2022 to States/UTs including Odisha.

Further AIIMS Bhubaneshwar was included in the network of laboratories for surveillance of viral hepatitis.

A total of 7548 and 6776 Dengue cases were reported in Odisha during 2021 and 2022 (till November) respectively. Further 18 and 19 cases of Japanese Encephalitis were reported in same period. No death has been reported due to dengue and Japanese Encephalitis from State of Odisha. Details of viral diseases outbreak in Odisha during last two years are as follows:

Details of Viral Disease Outbreaks in Odisha during the Year (2021 & 2022) till 37th week ending on 18/9/2022							
Disease		Year-2021			Year-2022		
	Nos of Outbreaks	Cases	Deaths	Nos of Outbreaks	Cases	Deaths	
Chickenpox	4	49	0	2	33	0	
Chikungunya	1	5	0	0	0	0	
Cholera	0	0	0	5	117	1	
Hepatitis A	0	0	0	1	13	0	
Rubella	0	0	0	1	10	0	

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has taken several steps to support the preparedness of States including Odisha. Two Review Meetings at regional level were also held at Chennai on 26th-27th May, 2022 and Ahmedabad on 25th-27th August, 2022 to review State specific activities, plan of actions for combating mosquito borne viral diseases and to provide technical guidance as needed. Several states including Odisha officials also participated. A Special Advisory has also been issued to States/UTs with respect to the actions to be taken to curtail morbidity and mortality due to measles.

Government of India provides financial assistance to all states under National Health Mission for strengthening public health care systems including setting up new hospitals and infrastructure upgradation under various schemes. Government of India has released 1617.63 Cr and 1263.07 Cr to State Government of Odisha in financial year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 respectively under National Health Mission. Further to strengthen Public health infrastructure Rs 32.15 Cr. has been released in 2021-22 to State Government of Odisha under PM-ABHIM.