

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1590
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2023**

CASES OF MONKEY-POX

1590. SHRI THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of Monkey-Pox infection in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of cases detected so far;
- (c) whether prophylactic and therapeutic drugs are available for Monkey-pox; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(PROF. SATYA PAL SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) to (d):

World Health Organization (WHO) had declared outbreak of Monkeypox disease as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) on 23rd July 2022. The global trajectory of Monkeypox had a declining trend since August, 2022 and subsequently WHO declared monkeypox as no longer to be a PHEIC on 11th May 2023.

As on 24th July, 2023, a total of 27 confirmed cases of Monkeypox disease have been reported by the States and UTs in the country. This includes 12 cases from Kerala and 15 cases from Delhi.

Most cases detected till date have been mild and treatment for the disease remains largely supportive. As per WHO, investigational drugs are used in some countries in clinical research settings only.
