

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2202
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2020**

SURGE IN COVID CASES IN KERALA

2202. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the surge in COVID-19 cases in the month of August and September 2020, in States like Kerala, where it was claimed to be contained in the initial months of the lockdown;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to mitigate the situation, especially after the complete withdrawal of lockdown?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) The epidemic curve of any pandemic goes through an ascending, peaking and descending phase. The current phase of pandemic in India is on multiple trajectories across the urban and semi urban areas of the country. Since the country has a huge population, it is expected that there would be increase in cases. Hence the number of new cases of COVID-19 reported by the States has increased over the past few months, this is true for the State of Kerala as well. Monthly details of number of new confirmed cases for India and State of Kerala is at **Annexure**.

(c) The period of lockdown was utilized to upgrade the health infrastructure, build capacity of healthcare workers and ensure availability of requisite logistics in the country. While lockdown is being gradually relaxed, it is continuing in the containment zones to prevent/limit outward transmission of COVID-19. Regular interaction through video conferences are being held with the States/UTs focusing on strict implementation of containment operations. This includes focus on early case detection, contact tracing, testing, quarantine and clinical management to prevent further cases and deaths. In addition, the evolving situation in terms of growth rate, case fatality rate, testing, hospital infrastructure availability is being monitored and feedback provided to the States/UTs.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has issued series of guidelines/advisories for gradual resumption of activities.

Annexure

Monthly details of number of new confirmed cases for India and State of Kerala (*as on 21st September, 2020)

Month	New Cases Reported	
	India	Kerala
April	31692	261
May	143602	713
June	383184	2981
July	1079034	18114
August	1982375	51552
September*	1866335	61866