

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2211
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2021**

SPREAD OF SCRUP TYPHUS

2211. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of spread of Scrub typhus in Undivided Koraput district, Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to contain the spread further and treat the infected persons?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
(DR BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (c) Government of India is aware of the occurrence of the Scrub Typhus disease in the State of Odisha. In 2021, a total of 497 cases of Scrub Typhus have been reported from various districts of Odisha. The undivided Koraput District comprises of four Districts—present Koraput, Rayagada, Malkangiri and Nowrangpur. Among these, Nowrangpur has reported 43 cases in 2021.

In view of rising trends of Scrub typhus in the country, an advisory was issued by National Center for Disease Control in September 2021 to all States/UTs regarding containment measures for the prevention of the occurrence & management of Scrub Typhus outbreaks. States were advised to constitute State and District Level Zoonotic Committees and regularly review the situation of zoonotic diseases including Scrub Typhus. Under national One Health Program for Prevention & Control of Zoonoses, awareness material was prepared and disseminated to States.
