

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2208
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022**

DEPLOYMENT OF MEDICAL TEAMS IN THE FLOOD AFFECTED AREAS

† **2208. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:**

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

- a) whether the Government has an efficient plan that can be implemented for dealing with the healthcare issues during floods as well as the post floods situation in Assam;
- b) if so, the details thereof?
- c) whether the Government has issued any new guidelines for medical assistance, screening and deployment of medical teams in the flood affected areas and if so, the details thereof; and
- d) whether the Government proposed any plan that can be implemented in near future in 80 percent of the flood affected Assam to manage the natural calamity more efficiently and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) to (d): National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has issued National Guidelines on Management of Floods in January, 2008 for holistic management of disasters due to floods. The guidelines contain details regarding measures to be taken for prevention, mitigation, response (including emergency medical response) and recovery in context of management of floods.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has issued a comprehensive 'Public Health Guidelines for Flood Events' which provides details on common public health effects due to floods, rapid need assessment, disease surveillance during and after flood with particular focus on water and food borne diseases; vector- borne diseases, and water, sanitation issues etc.

The Integrated Disease Surveillance Program (IDSP) through its State and District units takes disease surveillance & responds to outbreak of communicable diseases including those that are likely to be seen during floods or after-flood periods.

During the recent floods in Assam, Union Ministry of Health & FW coordinated with State health authorities on reporting of diseases to enable detection of disease outbreaks.
