

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3315
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2022**

EPIDEMICS DUE TO WATER BORNE DISEASES

3315. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the epidemics arising from water borne diseases namely diarrhoea, cholera and the number of death cases due to it;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has proposal to set up RMRC test unit at Rayagada, Odisha due to frequent outbreaks;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has taken any steps to initiate preventive methods to contain outbreaks and control the proliferation of the disease causing micro-organisms through targeted intervention; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof including deaths reported due to diarrhoea and Cholera in Kashipur, Odisha?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) to (f): Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare monitors the outbreaks arising from water-borne diseases namely diarrhea, and cholera in the country. Three deaths have been reported by States/UTs due to Acute Diarrheal Disease in the states of Kerala, Mizoram and West Bengal respectively during the year as on 15th May, 2022.

Through Integrated Disease Surveillance Program (IDSP), Union Ministry of Health coordinates the surveillance & response to outbreak-prone communicable diseases including water-borne diseases such as Acute Diarrheal Disease (ADD) and Cholera.

The data provides information on the disease trends and seasonality of diseases in a given geographical area, which is monitored through the established network of surveillance units at the District, State, and Central levels. The cases, if reported, are investigated by the District and the States Rapid Response Team and public and social health measures are taken to control the outbreak

As reported by State Government of Odisha, Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC) field unit was functioning in Rayagada during the year 2005 to 2012 and thereafter their equipment & technology has been handed over to District Public Health Laboratory which is now functioning at District Headquarter Hospital, Rayagada, as Laboratory Surveillance for the outbreaks.

As informed by State of Odisha vide report received dated 01st August, 2022, 09 investigational diarrheal death reports are received from 10 villages of Kashipur block of Rayagada District, Odisha.
