

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2008  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2024**

**“OUTBREAKS OF DENGUE”**

**2008: DR. BHOLA SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the dengue outbreaks in the current monsoon season in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent and manage dengue outbreaks in anticipation of the current monsoon season in the country; and
- (c) the other specific measures being implemented to bolster the readiness of public health systems and inter-ministerial coordination in high-incidence States and regions?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) As per National Center for Vector Borne Disease Control (NCVBDC) under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, in 2024 (till 30th June), a total of 32,091 Dengue cases have been reported across the Country against a total 18,391 Dengue cases reported in the corresponding period of 2023.

(b) and (c) The Ministry, Director General of Health Services and NCVBDC are regularly reviewing and monitoring the situation of Dengue outbreaks in the country for the current monsoon season, for assessing the disease situation, preparedness, technical guidance and to sensitize & fore warn the States.

As the risk of Dengue increases during monsoon and post monsoon period, Government of India (GoI) has started preparatory activities well before the monsoon season and following steps have been taken for prevention and control of Dengue in the country:

- Under National Health Mission, adequate budgetary support is provided to States and Union Territories for Dengue control activities like epidemic preparedness, monitoring, case management, vector control (provision of domestic breeding checkers, ASHA involvement,

insecticide, fogging machines), training, intersectoral convergence, awareness activities, etc.

- For surveillance and free of cost diagnosis of Dengue, 848 Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals with laboratory facility and 17 Apex Referral laboratories with advance diagnostic facilities identified across the country.
- Test kits are provided to the identified laboratories through Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)- National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune. Cost is borne by Government of India.
- Trainings have been imparted to Doctors on clinical management and to Entomologists on Integrated Vector Management.
- Advisories have been issued from Ministry and Director General of Health Services to sensitize and forewarn the States.
- In 2024, total 7 reviews have been held including one by Hon'ble Health and Family Welfare on 10th July
- For awareness of the community, various Information, Education and Communication(IEC) activities have been undertaken like interpersonal communication, messages on social and electronic media emphasising on keeping the houses and surroundings mosquito breeding free.
- Central Government has provided technical guidelines for prevention and control of Dengue, case management and effective community participation to the States for implementation.
- For inter-ministerial coordination towards Dengue control, two National level meetings have been organized in 2024 on 18th March, 2024 at Delhi and 20th-21st June 2024 at Gurugram, Haryana involving the Ministries of Housing and Urban Affairs, Rural Development, Jal Shakti (Drinking Water and Sanitation Department)and Education.
- For intersectoral coordination meetings on Dengue at State level, necessary and sufficient budgetary support is provided to States/ Union Territories under National Health Mission.

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