

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 896
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2024**

CASES OF ZIKA VIRUS

**896. SHRI SHYAMKUMAR DAULAT BARVE:
SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA CHANDU BARNE:**

Will the **Minister of Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Zika virus is spreading rapidly in some parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the names of the States where Zika virus has spread so far;
- (c) the action plan that has been prepared by the Union Government to deal with the Zika virus, including in Maharashtra; and
- (d) the assistance provided by the Union Government to the affected States to deal with the Zika virus, including in Maharashtra?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (d): The Government is aware that Zika virus is spreading rapidly in some parts of the country. Zika virus first reported in India in 2017 when cases were reported from Gujarat. Since then, sporadic outbreaks have occurred in different parts of the country, including Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.

The Government of India has formulated an 'Action Plan for managing Zika Virus Disease'. The plan provides detailed guidance on various public health actions that need to be taken in response to outbreak of disease. The plan has been widely disseminated and also made available on the website of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. (Available at: [https://main.mohfw.gov.in/?q=media/disease-alerts/national-guidelines-zika-virus-disease/action-plan-managing-zika-virus-disease.](https://main.mohfw.gov.in/?q=media/disease-alerts/national-guidelines-zika-virus-disease/action-plan-managing-zika-virus-disease))

Government has provided following assistance to the States including Maharashtra for prevention and control of Zika virus disease:

- Technical Guidelines for Integrated Vector Management, and effective community participation disseminated to the States for implementation.

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- Under National Health Mission, Budgetary support is provided to States/UTs for preventive activities such as provision of domestic breeding checkers, involvement of ASHA, insecticide, fogging machines, training support, awareness activities, etc.
- The Government has issued advisory to forewarn including Maharashtra states on Zika Virus, Dengue and Chikungunya.
