

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3576
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2025**

INCIDENTS OF SNAKE BITES

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

- (a) the total number of species and sub-species of poisonous snakes identified along with their classification in the country;
- (b) the number of snake bite incidents reported across the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the number of deaths caused by snake bites during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to reduce snake bite incidents and mortality including awareness campaigns, availability of anti-venom and first aid measures in rural and remote areas of the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY
WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) The total number of species and sub-species of poisonous snakes identified along with their classification in the country may be seen at the following link of National Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Snakebite Envenoming (NAPSE):

<https://ncdc.mohfw.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/NATIONAL-ACTION-PLAN-FOR-PREVENTION-AND-CONTROL-OF-SNAKEBITE-ENVENOMING-NAPSE.pdf>.

(b) The number of snake bite incidents reported on Integrated Disease Surveillance Program (IDSP)/Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) across the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise is at Annexure-I.

(c) The number of deaths caused by snakebites, reported on IDSP/IHIP, during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise is at Annexure-II.

(d) The Government of India has taken several steps to address the issue of snakebite. The initiatives taken by the Government are enclosed at Annexure-III.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3576 REGARDING "INCIDENTS OF SNAKE BITES"

State wise Snakebite Cases in India from January 2022 to December 2024 (Source IHIP/IDSP)			
State	2022	2023	2024
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	54	104	95
Andhra Pradesh	4392	4855	4654
Arunachal Pradesh	63	113	126
Assam	1689	3880	10418
Bihar	1754	1902	2465
Chandigarh	5	12	10
Chhattisgarh	1298	829	1810
Delhi	109	162	140
Goa	370	461	567
Gujarat	2597	3394	5966
Haryana	196	192	280
Himachal Pradesh	303	246	392
Jammu And Kashmir	636	964	1243
Jharkhand	412	1562	2725
Karnataka	3448	6556	13123
Kerala	97	1346	2532
Ladakh	0	0	0
Lakshadweep	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	1208	1479	3334
Maharashtra	9044	9213	9247
Manipur	120	30	170
Meghalaya	110	280	560
Mizoram	130	112	280
Nagaland	121	99	104
Odisha	4837	9290	16594
Puducherry	93	75	93
Punjab	69	127	101
Rajasthan	1343	1530	1909
Sikkim	102	115	111
Tamil Nadu	15141	19787	16154
Telangana	2562	2559	2479
The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	295	414	387
Tripura	411	679	920
Uttarakhand	679	130	779
Uttar Pradesh	72	538	297
West Bengal	8217	13251	20872

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3576 REGARDING "INCIDENTS OF SNAKE BITES"

State wise data of death caused due to snakebite in India from January 2022 to December 2024			
(Source IHIP/IDSP)			
State	2022	2023	2024
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	1	6	41
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
Assam	0	4	15
Bihar	0	10	3
Chandigarh	0	0	0
Chhattisgarh	5	2	5
Delhi	0	0	0
Goa	0	0	0
Gujarat	0	4	4
Haryana	0	0	0
Himachal Pradesh	0	0	1
Jammu And Kashmir	0	13	16
Jharkhand	0	16	22
Karnataka	17	19	101
Kerala	0	0	1
Ladakh	0	0	0
Lakshadweep	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	0	12	12
Maharashtra	0	2	7
Manipur	0	0	0
Meghalaya	0	0	1
Mizoram	0	0	1
Nagaland	0	0	0
Odisha	4	29	31
Puducherry	0	0	0
Punjab	0	0	0
Rajasthan	0	0	2
Sikkim	0	1	0
Tamil Nadu	17	43	25
Telangana	0	0	0
The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	0	0	0
Tripura	0	0	0
Uttarakhand	0	0	12
Uttar Pradesh	0	1	1
West Bengal	3	21	69

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3576 REGARDING "INCIDENTS OF SNAKE BITES"

- The States/UTs are reporting snakebite cases and deaths on Integrated Disease Surveillance Program (IDSP)/Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) on real time basis.
- Guidelines for prevention and control of Snakebite have been developed under the National Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Snakebite Envenoming (NAPSE) which may be accessed at <https://ncdc.mohfw.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/NATIONAL-ACTION-PLAN-FOR-PREVENTION-AND-CONTROL-OF-SNAKEBITE-ENVENOMING-NAPSE.pdf>
- Snakebite related treatment is part of Health System Strengthening (HSS) component of NHM. Support is provided to all States/UT for ensuring availability of emergency medicines, equipment's, transport mechanism related to snakebite and other emergency conditions. To ensure the affordability and accessibility of polyvalent Anti Snake Venom (ASV) at each level, ASV has been included under the National and State Essential Drug List. The States/UTs gets funds for ASV through National Free Drug Initiative under National Health Mission (NHM).
- To strengthen effective implementation of snakebite prevention and control activities in the country, funds are being provided to States for the following:
 - Training of health professionals on Snake bite management, emergency care, control etc. at State and District level;
 - Meetings for advocacy, intersectoral coordination etc.,
 - Surveillance and monitoring
 - Public Awareness through IEC
- Have provided capacity building to health care providers to equip doctors in all public health facilities across the country with the necessary skills for the emergency management of snakebite cases.
- To promote snakebite awareness, prevention, and control within communities a comprehensive set of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials and videos has been disseminated to all States and UTs which includes:
 - **A Booklet on Snakebite Prevention and Control:** Available in both Hindi and English, this booklet provides comprehensive guidelines on snakebite prevention, control, and initial first aid measures for snakebite victims.
 - **Posters on Do's and Don'ts for Snakebites:** Designed for use in the general community, these posters are available in Hindi and English, offering practical advice to minimize risks and ensure proper response to snakebites.
- **A Video on Snakebite Awareness:** Produced in 10 regional languages, this video aims to educate diverse populations effectively about snakebite prevention, first aid, and the importance of seeking timely medical attention.