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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 768 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2025

SNAKEBITE CASES

768. SHRI ADITYA YADAV:

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any announcement declaring snakebite cases and fatalities as a notifiable disease that is expected to bring much-needed relief to thousands of agricultural workers, tribal communities and residents of remote villages in the State of Uttar Pradesh who have borne the brunt of the snakebite crisis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (c): Health being a State subject, the responsibility of strengthening public healthcare system lies with the respective State/UT Governments. Hence, the responsibility to declare snakebite cases and deaths due to it a "notifiable Disease" rests with the concerned State/UT Governments.
