

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1105
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2025**

CASES OF ZIKA VIRUS

1105 DR. THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOLKAPPIYAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has data on the number of Zika Virus infection detected in our country during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (c) whether the necessary assays and accurate test kit for detecting Zika Virus infection is available in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the kit is indigenously produced or imported in the country and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b) Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) at National Centre for Diseases Control (NCDC), is mandated with surveillance & response to 50 plus outbreak prone communicable diseases including Zika virus. Zika virus was first reported in India in 2017 when cases were reported from Gujarat. Since then, sporadic outbreaks have occurred in different parts of the country. Details of Zika virus cases as reported by States on Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) portal are as under;

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Number of Zika Virus Cases	234	2	23	83	0

(c) & (d) The indigenous test kits approved by Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) for Zika virus testing are Genes2Me RTPCR, DIAGSure RTPCR ,Quantiplus RTPCR. There are a number of CDSCO approved imported kits available in Indian market as well.
