

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5118**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026/ CHAITRA 3, 1948 (SAKA)**

**PREPAREDNESS FOR BIOLOGICAL THREATS**

**5118. SHRI PARSHOTTAMBHAI RUPALA:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Government has assessed the emerging and increasing threat of biological attacks or bio-emergencies in the country;**

**(b) whether the National Disaster Management Authority, in consultation with State Governments, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and other relevant agencies, has formulated a national action plan to prevent, detect and respond to such biological threats; and**

**(c) if so, the details thereof, including preparedness for mass medical treatment, surge capacity of hospitals, availability of medicines and vaccines and coordination mechanisms for timely public health response?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

**(a) to (c) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India has launched Integrated Disease Surveillance Program (IDSP), to enhance early warning and prompt response of any bio-emergencies in the country.**

**In order to effectively respond to any such crises or disasters, Standard Operating Procedures have been formulated. In addition, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has published guidelines on**

**biological disasters including bio-warfare and bio-terrorism. The guidelines have identified the bio-warfare/bio-terrorism agents, characteristics of these agents, epidemiological clues to identify outbreaks including prevention and treatment. The Battalions of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) have also been trained to deal with such crises.**

**The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), being the nodal Ministry for biological disaster, has a Crisis Management Plan for biological disasters was last updated on March 2026 and has been shared with concerned stakeholders. The MoHFW has also finalized and circulated Model Crisis Management Plans for biological disasters to all States/Union Territories to serve as template for preparation of their own respective crisis management plans. As health is a State subject, the primary responsibility of detecting and responding to biological events of national concerns vests with the State Government. The MoHFW supports the State with guidance, outbreak investigation, laboratory diagnosis, advising on appropriate public health measures and providing logistics support in terms of human and material resources, wherever required.**

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