OUTBREAK OF MYSTERIOUS FEVER .

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Will the Minister of COALHEALTH AND FAMILY WELFAREINFORMATION AND BROADCASTINGHEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :-

(a)   whether any 'mysterious fever' has been reported in some parts of the country;

(b)   if so, when; and

(c)   the details of precautionary measures Government is taking to prevent the spread of this viral fever in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to (c)   A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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(a) & (b)   No, Sir. There have been isolated media reports of occurrence of so called "mysterious fever" in some parts of India which on investigation turned out to be cases of locally prevalent diseases.   Since July, 2009, there have been seven media reports of "mysterious/mystery fever".   All the seven reports have been investigated. Brief details about each media report including the disease involved in causing fever are given at Annexure.

(c) & (d)   The Government is implementing an integrated disease surveillance project for effective surveillance and rapid response which helps in preventing the spread of epidemic prone diseases including viral diseases. At the State and District level, District Surveillance and Rapid Response teams consisting of Epidemiologists, Physicians, Microbiologists and Entomologists are deployed for early detection and containment of outbreaks. These teams work in close coordination with local public health officials and the programme officers for different disease prevention and control programmes to ensure that specific measures are taken depending on the nature of the outbreak. Through this disease surveillance system, 553 and 799 outbreaks have been reported and responded to in 2008 and 2009 respectively in different parts of the country.