

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes.

(b) Since 13th May, 2009 till 30th June, 2009 there have been 109 laboratory confirmed cases of Influenza A H1N1 [Swine]

(c) There is adequate stock of anti-flu drugs in the national stockpile.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) Government of India took a series of actions. A comprehensive plan including guidelines and standard operating procedures were put in place. Travel advisory was issued to defer non essential travel to the affected countries. Entry screening of passengers started at 22 international airports and five international checkpoints. Community surveillance to detect clusters of influenza like illness is being done through Integrated Disease Surveillance Project. National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi and National Institute of Virology, Pune are testing clinical samples. Sixteen additional laboratories have also started testing. There is adequate quantity of Oseltamivir, the drugs and protective equipments. License has been issued to three Indian manufacturers for importing seed virus to manufacture flu vaccine. Short term Media plan has been implemented. Travel advisory, do's and don'ts and other pertinent information has been widely published to allay fear and avoid panic. Media is kept informed on daily basis.

The pandemic preparedness and response calls for actions in sectors beyond health. National Disaster Management Authority has issued guidelines for such actions.

All States have been requested to gear up the State machinery and strengthen isolation facilities including critical care facilities at district level. Government is fully geared up to deal with the situation.

Radiation dangers from radio diagnostic tests

210. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking measures to make doctors aware of the dangers of radiation in radio diagnostic tests to which patients are subjected to;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Radiation protection measures and dangers of radiation are included in the curriculum of undergraduate and post graduate medical students of Radio Diagnosis and Radio Therapy courses.

Fake Chinese drugs

211. SHRI SUBHASH PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether fake Chinese drugs are landing in Indian cities;

- (b) if so, the details thereof, city-wise;
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to check it;
- (d) the officials held responsible for allowing such life-threatening drugs; and
- (e) the action proposed to be initiated against such officials?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) During the recent past, three cases of import of bulk drugs from unregistered source originating from China were detected at Chennai sea port by the officers of Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO). The import of drugs from unregistered source is not permitted under the Drugs and Cosmetic Act 1940 and Rules, 1945.

(c) The CDSCO under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has taken up the issue of import of bulk drugs from unregistered source with Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Customs and all port officials to curb such import into the country.

(d) The import of bulk drugs from unregistered source has not been allowed by the officials of Central Drugs Standard Control Organization.

(e) Does not arise.

Swine Flu infected foreigners visiting India

†212. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that foreign passengers infected with swine flu have entered India in recent past;
- (b) if so, the names of the States where such cases have been reported, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has made arrangements on airports for medical examination of all the passengers coming from foreign countries;
- (d) if so, whether Government has made any arrangement for sending back the infected foreign passengers immediately; the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the steps taken by Government to check infection from spreading in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes.

(b) Details are given in the Statement. [Refer to Statement appended to USQ 204 Pt. (a) to (e).]

(c) Arrangements have been made for entry screening of passengers at 22 international airports and five international checkpoints. Passengers from affected countries are subjected to temperature monitoring. On being detected having fever, the passenger is subjected to medical examination.

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