

### Prevention of Swine Flu

204. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

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SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

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

- (a) whether Government is tackling the Swine Flu cases in our country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the cases registered, State-wise;
- (d) whether the root cause of the disease has been ascertained; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken to prevent it?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) Yes. Swine Flu (now called Influenza A H1N1) is caused by a novel influenza virus which has components from existing avian, human and swine flu viruses.

To tackle this disease, 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.

The cases registered State-wise are given in the Statement.

**Statement**

*States that have registered Influenza A H1N1*

(As on 30th June, 2009)

Sl.No.	State	City	No of cases
<b>Imported cases (100)</b>			
1.	Karnataka	Bangalore	16
2.	Tamil Naidu	Chennai	6
		Coimbatore	2
		Madurai	1
3.	Delhi	Delhi	32
4.	Punjab	Fatehgarh	1
		Jalandhar	7
		Gurdaspur	1
		Hoshiarpur	1
5.	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	17
6.	Maharashtra	Mumbai	6
		Pune	2
7.	Goa	Panjim	1
8.	Haryana	Gurgaon	2
9.	West Bengal	Kolkata	2
10.	Kerala	Calicut	1
		Perumbavoor	2
<b>Indigenous Cases (9)</b>			
1.	Delhi	Delhi	6
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	1
3.	Punjab	Gurdaspur	1
4.	Haryana	Gurgaon	1

**Detection, cure and prevention of H1N1 virus**

205. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of H1N1 virus/influenza in the country; and

(b) the steps taken by Government for detection, cure and prevention of the spread of H1N1?