

Single medical entrance test

3099. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:
SHRI D. RAJA:

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

(a) whether the Medical Council of India (MCI) has proposed one All India Entrance Test for admission to all Medical colleges in the country, both private and Government run ones; and

(b) if so, the details thereof Government's decision thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) This Ministry has received a proposal from Medical Council of India from conducting single entrance exam for admissions in medical courses in India. The proposal is under consideration of the Ministry and will require consultations with State Governments.

Swine flu cases

3100. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI P.R. RAJAN:

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

(a) how many swine flu cases have been traced in the country so far and give geographical profile of such cases;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to contain the infection from spreading;

(c) whether the State Governments have been issued guidelines in this respect and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being taken to equip the State Governments to prevent and cure the infection?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) There have been 454 laboratory confirmed cases of Influenza A H1N1 [earlier referred as Swine Flu] as on 27th July, 2009 in our country. State-wise and city wise list of cases is given in the Statement (See below).

(b) to (d) 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 is continuing 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