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- Number of Nurses at PHCs and CHCs have increased from 28930 in 2005 to 58450 in 2010.

#### **Investigation into outbreak of mystery disease in Bihar**

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

- (a) whether Government has constituted a team to probe the outbreak of a mystery disease in some districts of Bihar recently due to which a large number of children lost their lives;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the findings made by the Central Team;
- (c) whether the exact cause of the spread of the mystery disease in some districts of Bihar have been ascertained; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and further steps taken by Government to check outbreak of such diseases?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Yes. A Central Team visited affected areas of Muzaffarpur district of Bihar during 21st - 24th June 2011.

Clinico-epidemiological evidence supports the diagnosis of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome. The cases of encephalitis reported in Muzaffarpur district are scattered and sporadic in nature with no clustering. The Central Team has recommended the following measures for containment and control of such outbreak :

- Case management as per standard protocol circulated to all States.
- Strengthening of surveillance of such cases by sensitizing the health personnel and local community.
- Maintenance of case records properly, completely and legibly.
- Intensive Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities to generate community awareness.