

H1N1 disease in the country

1827. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of H1N1 disease in the country;
- (b) whether some cases of the disease caused by the virus have been reported from certain parts of the country;
- (c) whether Government has developed some effective system to address the virus; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) H1N1 virus that caused the Influenza Pandemic during 2009-10 continues to circulate in the community causing sporadic outbreaks in various parts of the country. Most of the sporadic cases are reported from Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

(c) and (d) Health is a State subject. However, Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) under Ministry of Health is doing surveillance for acute respiratory tract infections across the country. Twelve laboratories under IDSP have been strengthened to test seasonal influenza viruses including H1N1. Ministry has provided guidelines on screening and categorization of patients, laboratory diagnosis, infection control, home care and clinical management. Ministry has kept a stock of Personal Protective Equipments for use in H1N1 outbreak situations.

AIIMS-like institution in H.P.

†1828. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Himachal Pradesh (HP) Government has made a request to the Central Government for opening of a modern hospital in the State on the lines of AIIMS;
- (b) if so, whether the Central Government has given approval thereto and the details thereof;

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