

Jaundice epidemic in Odisha

†910. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Jaundice has spread like an epidemic in Odisha; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to check this epidemic?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA) : (a) and (b) There is one reported outbreak of Jaundice in Odisha for the year 2015 and four outbreaks in the year 2014 as per information reported under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme.

The Government of India monitors outbreaks of communicable diseases such as Hepatitis through the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme under which the Districts and States have been strengthened by providing additional manpower, training of identified Rapid Response Team (RRT) members for outbreak investigations, strengthening of laboratories for detection of epidemic prone diseases, Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) equipment for data entry, analysis and data transfer, and provision of funds for operationalisation.

For Odisha the funds released under IDSP are as under :

(Data as on 19.02.15) (₹ in crores)

Year	Fund Released
2012-2013	118.30
2013-2014	92.72
2014-2015	262.50

A Central Team of Officers from National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) was also deputed to Odisha from 25.12.2014 to 31.12.2014 during the outbreak of Hepatitis E at Sambalpur for technical assistance to the State authorities.

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