

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) to (c) Indian Medical association (IMA) is not a Government Body. However, Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 provide that every physician should, as far as possible, prescribe drugs with generic names and he/she shall ensure that there is a rational prescription and use of drugs.

Status of Ebola disease in the country

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

(a) the source and status of Ebola disease in the country alongwith the number of cases that have since been registered for treatment;

(b) how far it has been controlled; and

(c) whether the people of the country have since been advised about precautionary measures and action plan to control this menace, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) No case of Ebola Virus Disease has been reported in India.

(c) Pursuant to the declaration of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) as Public Health Emergency of International Concern by World Health Organization, Government of India commenced screening of passengers arriving from or transiting through EVD affected countries at identified Airports and Ports. These passengers are provided information on precautionary measures.

The Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme is tracking the passengers who arrive in India from EVD affected countries and who have history of contact with a suspect or confirmed EVD case. Such passengers are being tracked for 30 days. They are advised on precautionary measures and their health status is monitored.

Two laboratories namely National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune and National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Delhi are testing clinical samples of high risk passengers. 10 more existing laboratories with required Bio Safety Level (BSL) standards have been identified to collect, test and store samples.

The States have been provided guidelines on screening, risk categorization of patients, clinical case management and infection control practices.