

Fruit-eating bats have been confirmed as the source of infection. The multi-disciplinary expert Central Team assisted the State Government for prompt action to contain the disease. About 4000 primary and secondary level contacts were identified and a strict vigil was kept on them. 337 suspect cases were kept under observation in various hospitals. Out of the 337 cases, only 18 patients tested positive for Nipah virus. One patient died earlier on 5.5.2018 was not tested for Nipah virus. The central team imparted training to the medical and para medical staff on infection control practices, public awareness programmes were conducted, Personal Protective Equipments were supplied, doctors were trained on ventilator management and the State was assisted in getting the human monoclonal antibody (mAb) for protection against the virus. The Ministry is closely monitoring the situation in all the States and UTs through its Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme.

(c) and (d) The State Level Virus Research and Diagnostic Laboratory established at the Government Medical College, Kozhikode is equipped to carry out serological as well as molecular diagnosis of 20-25 medically important viruses. Two medical college level VRDLs have also been approved and funded at the Thrissur and Thiruvananthapuram Government Medical Colleges for carrying out lab tests. The virology lab at Alappuzha is also equipped to carry out similar tests.

(e) Yes. The disease was contained within 2 weeks and there has been no case of Nipah virus disease since 1.6.2018.

Problems of under nutrition and obesity

744. SHRIMATI ROOPA GANGULY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is facing twin trouble of under nutrition and obesity;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Scheduled Tribe children are the worst affected with under nutrition while urban children are facing obesity;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any plan to solve the problem; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) Yes.

(b)

- As per National Family Health Survey (NFHS) - 4 (2015-16), the prevalence of stunting, wasting and under-weight amongst tribal children are 43.8%, 27.4% and 45.3% respectively.
- The proportion of over-weight among urban children is higher than that of rural children, as 2.8% of urban children are over-weight as compared to 1.8% of rural children.

(c) and (d)

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has implemented various cost effective interventions for combating wide spread malnutrition among children which are as follows:
 - Intensified Breastfeeding Promotion under Mother's Absolute Affection Programme (MAA), which aims at improving breastfeeding coverage and appropriate breastfeeding practices in the country.
 - Treatment of sick children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) at special units called the Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs), set up at public health facilities.
 - Vitamin A supplementation (VAS) for children till the age of 5 years.
 - "National Iron Plus Initiative (NIPI)" for supplementation and treatment of anaemia in children, adolescents, pregnant and lactating women, in programme mode through life cycle approach.
 - Bi-annual National De-worming Days are held across the country following a fixed day strategy to administer Albendazole tablets to all the children in the age group of 1-19 years through the platform of AWCs and Schools.
 - Information on health and hygiene is provided to out of school girls under Rasthriya Kishore Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) through peer education programme.
 - Village Health and Nutrition Days and Mother and Child Protection Card are the joint initiative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of Woman and Child Development for addressing the nutrition concerns in children, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

- Food Safety and Standard Authority of India under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have launched 'The Eat Right Movement', which aims to reduce obesity by addressing the risk factors such as excessive consumption of foods with high salt, sugar and fat content.
- A booklet called "The Yellow Book" on healthy eating for school children has been sent to the States for distribution among students in schools.
- Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) is implementing Anganwadi Services, Scheme for Adolescent Girls and Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojna under the Umbrella Integrated Child Development Services Scheme as direct targeted interventions to address the problem of malnutrition in the country. Apart from the existing schemes, recently POSHAN Abhiyaan (National Nutrition Mission) has been implemented for improving the nutritional indicators among children and pregnant women and lactating mothers.
- Additionally, the Food and Nutrition Board of the MWCD through its regional field units, is engaged in conducting training programmes in nutrition for generating awareness through nutrition education programmes. Importance of healthy balanced diets is being emphasized through the use of locally available foods, mass awareness campaigns and use of electronic and print media.

**New hospitals under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha
Yojana in Andhra Pradesh**

745. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has not selected any Government medical College/Hospital for Upgradation during Phase II and Phase IV of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government will propose to compensate that by including any Government Medical College/Hospital in the next phase; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?