

Initiatives to improve menstrual health

2009. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state what initiatives are taken up by Government to improve the menstrual health in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL): Since 2011, Menstrual hygiene scheme is being implemented for rural adolescent girls who are provided sanitary napkins at subsidized rate along with adequate knowledge and information on menstrual hygiene.

Loss of lives due to H1N1

2010. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that H1N1 virus is a threat for middle aged persons in the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that persons with co-morbidities such as diabetes, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or cancer are vulnerable to death due to swine flu;
- (c) whether many people have lost their lives on account of swine flu during the year 2017; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL): (a) Yes, seasonal influenza (H1N1) is threat to people of all age group including middle aged group persons with co-morbid conditions in the country.

(b) Yes, persons with co-morbidities such as diabetes, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or cancer are also vulnerable to death due to seasonal influenza (H1N1).

(c) and (d) 2266 deaths were reported due to seasonal influenza (H1N1) in the year 2017. State/UT-wise details of deaths as reported by States/UTs are given in the Statement.