

(d) The measures being taken by Government to prevent the spread of malaria in the country are as below:—

- (i) Early Diagnosis and Complete Treatment (EDCT).
- (ii) Integrated Vector Management (IVM) including Indoor Residual Spray (IRS), Anti-larval measures including use of bio-larvicides, use of larvivorous fish and upscaling use of Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLINs).
- (iii) Supportive Interventions including Information, Education and Communication (IEC)/Behaviour Change Communication (BCC), capacity building and Monitoring and Evaluation.

Revamping health system in Muzaffarpur, Bihar

2622. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of children who died due to encephalitis in Muzaffarpur, Bihar during the last three years, year-wise details thereof;
- (b) steps Government has taken to check the outbreak of encephalitis in Bihar and measures taken to minimise deaths due to encephalitis; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal of Government for modernisation/revamping of the health system in Muzaffarpur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) The details of number of children died due to encephalitis in various districts of Bihar including Muzaffarpur during the last three years are as under:—

Year	Deaths
2016	6
2017	13
2018	12
2019 (upto 13.07.2019)	184

(b) As per Constitutional provisions, 'Health' is a State subject. However, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) have taken measures to support State in containment of AES cases as follows:—

- Union Health and Family Welfare Minister (HFM) had reviewed the situation with Health Minister of Bihar and also with officials from Ministry.
- MoHFW had deputed a Central team of experts consisting of Public Health Specialist from various Central Government Institutes to assist the State Government in containment and management measures.
- HFM visited Bihar along with Minister of State (HFW) and team of officers. HFM reviewed the situation and also visited Shri Krishna Medical College and Hospital. (SKMCH), Muzaffarpur.
- MoHFW deployed another high level multi-disciplinary team to Muzaffarpur drawing senior Paediatricians from various Central Government Institutes to advise state in their efforts to manage the cases. Epidemiologists from National Center for Disease Control (NCDC), senior paediatricians. Laboratory technicians from central level are present in Muzaffarpur since 12th June, 2019.
- Strategic Health Operations Centre (SHOC) facility of NCDC was activated to monitor the AES situation in Muzaffarpur and co-ordinate tasks at the field level.
- MoHFW had further deputed 5 teams of Doctors along with technicians from Central Government Hospitals to SKMCH to support clinical management.
- Central team consisting experts from Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) was also deployed at SKMCH. The team is also scrutinising and reviewing the case records of discharge and deceased patients using a standardised tool to know the reasons for mortality.
- Orientation training of all Paediatricians of SKMCH on clinical case management and treatment protocol of AES was conducted on regular basis by the Central Team of paediatricians.

(c) The Government of India provides regular financial and technical support to the State Governments under National Health Mission and various other Tertiary sector schemes. The State Governments submit proposals for availing such support from the Central Government. No additional specific proposal has been received from State Government of Bihar for modernization/revamping of the health system in Muzaffarpur.