

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 897
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2024**

SPREAD OF ZIKA VIRUS IN THE COUNTRY

897. SHRI SATNAM SINGH SANDHU:

Will the **Minister of Health and Family Welfare** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of cases of Zika virus in the country State-wise presently;
- (b) the details of the steps taken by Government to check and control the spread of Zika virus in the country; and
- (c) whether beds in hospitals have been reserved to tackle the virus, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

- (a) The details of cases of Zika virus in the country State-wise is placed at Annexure.
- (b) The Government of India has formulated an ‘Action Plan for managing Zika Virus Disease’. The plan provides detailed guidance on various public health actions that need to be taken in response to outbreak of disease. The plan has been widely disseminated and also made available on the website of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Available at: <https://main.mohfw.gov.in/?q=media/disease-alerts/national-guidelines-zika-virus-disease/action-plan-managing-zika-virus-disease>.

Government has provided following assistance for prevention and control of Zika virus disease:

- Technical Guidelines for Integrated Vector Management, and effective community participation disseminated to the States for implementation.
- Under National Health Mission, Budgetary support is provided to States/UTs for preventive activities such as provision of domestic breeding checkers, involvement of ASHA, insecticide, fogging machines, training support, awareness activities, etc.
- Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) at National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), is mandated with surveillance & response to 33 plus outbreak prone

communicable diseases including Zika virus. Every State has designated laboratories like District Public Health Laboratories (DPHLs), State Referral Laboratories (SRLs) under IDSP for investigation and surveillance of these diseases.

(c) Health is a State subject in India and the responsibility for health care delivery lies predominantly with the State Governments. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, provides technical and financial support to the States and Union Territories (UTs) through various schemes and programs aimed at improving public health infrastructure and services. Reserving beds in hospitals for Zika patients is done based on its unique needs and circumstances.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 897 FOR 30.07.2024 REGARDING SPREAD OF ZIKA VIRUS IN THE COUNTRY

State wise Cases and Deaths reported in Zika Outbreaks during 2017-2023 under IDSP							
Name of State	2017	2018	2021	2022	2023	2024*	Total Cases
Gujarat	3						3
Karnataka				1		3	4
Kerala			84	1	12		97
Madhya Pradesh		260					260
Maharashtra					11	10	21
Rajasthan		1					1
Tamil Nadu	1						1
Uttar Pradesh			150				150
Grand Total	4	261	234	2	23	13	537

* Zika virus cases (I-form) as per IDSP-IHIP portal as on 22.07.2024.