

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.720
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY, 2021**

COVID DEATHS IN RURAL AREAS

720. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of people who have died due to Covid-19 during April and May, 2021, State/ UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that large number of people have died in rural areas with COVID like symptoms without testing and treatment during April and May, 2021;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT, district-wise particularly Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) if not, whether the Government proposes to conduct any survey by an independent agency to ascertain the number of COVID deaths in rural areas without testing and treatment between April and May 2021; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
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(a) to (e): State/UT wise number of COVID-19 deaths reported in months of April and May 2021 is attached as **Annexure I**. Also district wise cases and deaths reported from Uttar Pradesh are attached as **Annexure II**

Health is a state subject, Government of India provides required technical support and has supported states with funding to strengthen the existing health infrastructure including provisioning of hospital beds, drugs, medical oxygen and other consumables to aid proper clinical care of COVID-19 patients.

- With the intent to reduce the risk of cross infection to non-COVID patients as well as to maintain continuity of non-COVID essential health services in the country, a three-tier arrangement of dedicated COVID-19 health facilities [(i) COVID Care Center (CCC); (ii) Dedicated COVID Health Centre (DCHC) and (iii) Dedicated COVID Hospital (DCH)] has been implemented in the country.

- Government of India, to supplement the hospital facilities has roped in tertiary care hospitals under ESIC, Defence, Railways, paramilitary forces, Steel Ministry etc. Further, many large temporary treatment facilities were established by DRDO to manage surge in COVID-19 cases in the country.
- Due to concerted actions of Central and State Governments, the isolation bed capacity and ICU bed capacity which was only 10,180 and 2,168 before the first lockdown (as on 23rd March 2020) in being enhanced continuously and is currently at 18,21,845 isolation beds and 1,22,035 ICU beds (as on 20th July 2021).
- The daily liquid medical oxygen (LMO) production, which was about 5700 MTs per day in August 2020 increased to a high of 9690 MTs as on 13 May 2021. This was done by enhancement of LMO production in steel plants as well as in other LMO plants.
- Restrictions were imposed on industrial use of oxygen.
- 1,02,400 oxygen cylinders were procured in April and May of 2020 and distributed to States. Further orders for additional 1,27,000 cylinders have been placed on 21st April 2021, (54,000 jumbo cylinders (D type) and 73,000 regular cylinders (B type). Deliveries of the same have started and 24,207 (24,511 B-type and 8,893 D-type) cylinders have been delivered as on 7th July 2021. In addition, around 4962 B-type and 1895 D-type cylinders are in-transit.
- To generate oxygen at the health facility level, PSA plants are being established in hospitals, especially in far flung areas enabling the hospitals to become self-sufficient in generation of oxygen for their needs and thereby, reduce the burden on the medical oxygen supply grid across the country.
- Further, to fast-track the availability of Medical Oxygen in rural and peri-urban areas, more than 18,000 Oxygen Concentrators have been allocated to various States.
- States were facilitated in terms of augmentation and availability of required drugs and diagnostics.
- Union Health Ministry has approved 'India COVID19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness package' and Rs 15,000 Cr was provided under the package in April 2020 with an objective to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19.
- In addition, 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response & Health System Preparedness Package: Phase-II' has also been approved by the Cabinet with Rs 23,123 crores (with Rs. 15,000 Cr as Central Component & Rs 8,123 as State component) and is to be implemented from 1st July 2021 to 31st March 2022.

It includes support to State/UT level for ramping up Health Infrastructure including those in rural, tribal and peri-urban areas closer to the community, providing support for procurement of drugs and diagnostics to enhance service delivery at district and sub district levels for management of COVID-19 cases (including pediatric care) and for maintaining a buffer of drugs, support for IT Interventions such as implementation of Hospital Management Information System and expanding access to tele-consultations in all districts, and support for capacity building and training for all aspects of management of COVID-19.

Further, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare continues to provide technical guidance for managing various aspects of COVID-19. So far more than 150 guidelines/advisories/SoPs/plans have been provided to States/UTs.

- Taking note of ingress of COVID-19 pandemic in peri-urban and rural areas, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on 16th May 2021 issued an SOP on COVID-19 Containment & Management in Peri-urban, Rural & Tribal areas.
- Guidelines for management of COVID-19 in children has been issued on 18th June 2021.

MoHFW has conveyed to States/UTs, WHO and ICMR guidelines on correct recording of COVID-19 related deaths in accordance with globally accepted ICD-10 classification. In addition, the issue of correct and timely reporting of deaths has also been stressed to all States/UTs through video conferences and formal communication.

Accordingly, the details are obtained from states/UTs. It has been noted that some of states based on reconciliation of mortality data have also revised the reported COVID-19 deaths. All states have also been advised that while reconciling the data, the details of deaths shall be indicated date wise & district wise to get correct picture of the pandemic. States have also been regularly advised to undertake death audit to ascertain the cause of deaths and undertake measures for improving quality of healthcare services.

State wise no. of Deaths reported due to Covid-19 during 2021 (April and May 2021)		
State	2021	
	April	May
A&N Islands	5	47
Andhra Pradesh	715	2904
Arunachal Pradesh	3	56
Assam	177	2019
Bihar	906	2624
Chandigarh	86	280
Chhattisgarh	4181	4704
Dadar and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	2	0
Delhi	4756	8379
Goa	317	1479
Gujarat	2500	2805
Haryana	971	4103
Himachal Pradesh	415	1667
J&K (UT)	263	1617
Jharkhand	1427	2437
Karnataka	2765	13373
Kerala	653	3382
Ladakh (UT)	10	48
Lakshadweep	3	28
Madhya Pradesh	1542	2500
Maharashtra	13563	26859
Manipur	26	393
Meghalaya	19	395
Mizoram	3	24
Nagaland	8	263
Odisha	108	690
Puducherry	111	725
Punjab	2096	5523
Rajasthan	1271	4233
Sikkim	11	104
Tamil Nadu	1233	9821
Telangana	564	1002
Tripura	4	117
Uttar Pradesh	3438	8108
Uttarakhand	789	3899
West Bengal	921	4162
Grand Total	45862	120770

District wise cases and deaths reported from Uttar Pradesh

District wise cases and Deaths in Uttar Pradesh	Cases		Deaths	
	Apr'21	May'21	Apr'21	May'21
Agra	10107	4738	48	191
Aligarh	3773	5696	14	33
Ambedkar Nagar	1573	1469	28	74
Amethi	3004	2963	42	41
Amroha	4845	7146	25	88
Auraiya	4232	2344	32	92
Ayodhya	4796	3716	25	87
Azamgarh	6074	5418	15	102
Baghpat	2014	4681	25	72
Bahraich	3861	3207	10	83
Ballia	8463	5133	56	65
Balrampur	2631	2361	29	66
Banda	4419	2579	64	40
Barabanki	7119	4351	31	72
Bareilly	16605	11928	34	85
Basti	3238	2956	59	158
Bhadohi	3626	1708	8	118
Bijnor	5499	4474	10	25
Budaun	4446	6101	20	31
Bulandshahr	4862	8395	16	99
Chandauli	7695	3591	74	204
Chitrakoot	2745	2059	23	35
Deoria	4544	8526	30	64
Etah	4007	3309	13	47
Etawah	4475	3203	81	94
Farrukhabad	2952	2460	30	58
Fatehpur	2147	789	41	17
Firozabad	2501	2018	16	48
Gautam Buddha Nagar	15291	21065	125	238
Ghaziabad	12619	15315	97	236
Ghazipur	10676	5816	29	121
Gonda	4177	2816	49	112
Gorakhpur	19111	17637	64	253
Hamirpur	1978	1559	26	49
Hapur	2724	5125	15	111
Hardoi	4846	2723	51	169
Hathras	557	919	4	20
Jalaun	3531	4068	70	66
Jaunpur	8936	6032	48	73

Jhansi	15118	10124	88	324
Kannauj	3448	2083	29	29
Kanpur Dehat	2565	1399	18	44
Kanpur Nagar	35815	12839	318	540
Kasganj	1022	1202	15	32
Kaushambi	1543	485	10	30
Kheri	9069	7022	25	109
Kushi Nagar	2816	6729	21	121
Lalitpur	5590	3454	21	46
Lucknow	118039	32757	587	641
Maharajganj	2338	3979	16	14
Mahoba	1489	1223	11	60
Mainpuri	3385	2400	17	74
Mathura	6835	6215	43	148
Mau	3101	1834	6	25
Meerut	21497	24530	61	318
Mirzapur	5167	2264	16	31
Moradabad	14144	13290	50	102
Muzaffarnagar	9377	11462	47	88
Pilibhit	2159	4165	19	40
Pratapgarh	5074	4997	14	62
Prayagraj	39506	8799	262	219
Rae Bareli	7545	3312	73	113
Rampur	2669	3420	16	66
Saharanpur	6705	15660	33	213
Sambhal	2999	3090	22	27
Sant Kabeer Nagar	2484	1971	19	21
Shahjahanpur	5917	7185	60	144
Shamli	3161	5639	4	7
Shravasti	1640	1416	7	10
Siddharth Nagar	2362	2646	10	34
Sitapur	4280	2991	27	62
Sonbhadra	7330	4422	45	118
Sultanpur	6799	2754	22	22
Unnao	5620	4278	31	76
Varanasi	42241	17131	195	286