

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1056
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7th DECEMBER, 2021**

STEPS TAKEN TO CONTAIN NOROVIRUS

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

- (a) the total number of Norovirus cases reported in India till 31 October 2021, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is taking any action to contain Norovirus, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (c) A total of 65 cases Norovirus have been reported till 31st October 2021 in India (54 from Wayanad and 11 from Alappuzha).

A multidisciplinary Central team was deputed when the information about this outbreak was received from Kerala to help district authorities in investigating and containing this outbreak. The lab support was provided by NIV Alappuzha (ICMR) for diagnosing the outbreak by testing the stool and blood samples.

As per the technical advice provided, State Government has accordingly initiated:

- Besides surveillance to detect cases, Super chlorination of all water sources including wells and tanks in the college campus was undertaken.
- Wells around the college were also chlorinated.
- Health education was provided to the college inmates, staff and teachers.