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PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Sub: Request for inputs i.r.o LoK Sabha starred admitted Question Dy. No. 120 regarding New Variant of Coronavirus JN.1 for 02/02/2024 - reg.

Point-wise inputs submitted by **Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum (SCTIMST)**

(a) ***Whether it is a fact that new variant strain Corona virus JN.1 is more in circulation and the number of cases have increased in the country and if so, the details thereof;***

Ans: Since SCTIMST do not do sequencing, we do not know the variant. Recently, among our patients and staff we have got a few positives, but there is no spread or outbreak. The cases are mild.

As per the INSACOG consortium data available in the public domain (last update done in October 2023), there has been no further update on the sequenced genome of SARS-CoV2. Considering the absence of data, it is difficult to say if the prominent variant in circulation is JN.1.

(b) ***The action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to face the challenge in this regard;***

Ans: Details not available with SCTIMST.

(c) ***Whether surveillance and genome sequencing are increased to monitor and control the prevalence of JN.1 in the country;***

Ans: Surveillance was increased for a brief period in the state of Kerala, however there are no outbreaks. COVID Dashboard has been discontinued since December 2022

(d) ***If so, the details thereof; and***

Ans: Details not available with SCTIMST.

(e) ***The steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the healthcare infrastructure and paramedical personnel in various States to meet the challenge?***

Ans: Details not available with SCTIMST.




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