



Poisonous animals 1.2 Common cobra

Scientific Name: *Naja naja*.

Other Common Names : Indian Cobra.

Geographical Distribution : All over India.

Identification :

1. It is a distinctive snake growing up to **5 to 6 feet in length** with a distensible neck that can be expanded into a hood.
2. On the dorsal side of the hood, there may be a **monocellate (monocle) or binocellate (spectacle) mark**.
3. The most important distinguishing feature of this snake is the fact that the **3rd supralabial shield touches the eye and nose shield**.
4. Also, a small wedge-shaped scale ("cuneate") is present between the 4th and 5th infralabials.
5. Another important feature is said to be the presence of 3 small scales just behind each eye.

Nature of Venom : Predominantly **neurotoxic**.

Antidote : **Antisnake venom (ASV)**