

News Item Captioned "Setback for Malaria Control Scheme"

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Setback for malaria control scheme" appearing in the Hindustan Times, dated 30 March, 1985;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) what further steps are contemplated by Government to implement this scheme more effectively; and

(d) the details of the funds allocated for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c) The Government has seen the news-item. It is a fact that the National Malaria Eradication Programme which had recorded impressive achievements in its earlier years suffered a set-back during the years 1965-75. No single factor was responsible for this phenomenon. The Programme was reviewed and accordingly a modified plan of Operation for malaria was launched with effect from April, 1977. Since then the incidence of malaria in the country as a whole has been declining over the years.

The following specific steps are being taken to control the incidence of malaria under the Modified Plan of Operations :—

(1) Every village is visited fortnightly by a surveillance worker to detect fever cases, collect blood smears and to give presumptive treatment.

(2) The laboratories in the Primary

Health Centres provide prompt examination of blood smears of fever cases and institution of medical treatment of positive cases.

(3) Drug Distribution Centres and Fever Treatment Depots are functioning in the villages so that the drug could be made available, with no loss of time, to the fever cases.

(4) Insecticidal spray operations are undertaken in all the rural areas which have incidence of two or more cases per thousand population per year.

(5) Besides, in order to control the spread of the P. falciparum infection, which causes cerebral malaria; the P. falciparum Containment Programme is being implemented in the affected areas of the country with assistance from World Health Organisation Swedish International Development Agency.

(d) National Malaria Eradication Programme is centrally sponsored category II scheme on a 50 : 50 sharing basis with effect from 1979-80. Malathion is supplied as 100% central assistance from the year 1983-84.

Against the Central allocation of Rs. 23,400 lakhs for sixth Plan, the expenditure incurred on National Malaria Eradication Programme by the Centre is as under :—

(Rs. in lakhs)		
Year	Budget provision	Expenditure
1980-81	4450.00	3330.58
1981-82	5107.31	5460.85
1982-83	5500.00	5511.14
1983-84	6900.00	6883.33
1984-85	8400.00	8800.00
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Total	30357.31	29985.90
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