

(b) Government would take timely appropriate measures, as may be considered necessary, to ensure the running of health care services. Also, such disciplinary measures as required shall be taken.

Measures taken to Prevent Filariasis cases

9431. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who are afflicted with the disease 'Filariasis'

Year	Population residing in known endemic areas	Persons with Disease	'infection'
(Figures in millions)			
1973	35.00	Not known	Not known
1962	64.21	4.4	5.3
1970	136.30	8.0	11.3
1973	236.13	14.0	18.0

(b) To contain the incidence of Filariasis, National Filaria Control Programme is being implemented in the country from 1955. Under this Programme, vector control through recurrent anti-larval measures in urban areas and anti-parasitic measures by detection and treatment of infected persons is undertaken. Every year these measures are intensified so as to cover newer areas. In the rural areas in the absence of a known methodology for control, experimental projects have been taken up in three districts—one each in Andhra Pradesh (Srikakulam), Gujarat (Bulsar) and Uttar Pradesh (Jaunpur)—since 1978. Use of common salt medicated with diethylcarbamazine citrate powder in the community has also been tried in Lakshdweep and is being taken up in Pondicherry and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Visit of Secretary (East) to USA...

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in the country each year; and

(b) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to prevent this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Filariasis is a disease with a long incubation period spread over a number of years and as such morbidity cannot be determined on annual basis. However, information compiled at regular intervals is as follows:—

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Secretary, (East) Mr. Eric Gonsalves had been sent to Washington to apprise the U.S. administration of the reaction of the Government of India on the proposed massive U. S. military aid to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what was the outcome of the visit?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Mr. Eric Gonsalves visited the United States recently for discussions on matters of mutual interest and concern, including the proposed US military sales and assistance to Pakistan.

(b) India's concern at the proposed military sales and assistance to Pakistan was conveyed to the U.S. administration. It is our hope that these concerns will be given due weight.