

Malaria cases in States

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

- (a) the names of States facing malaria as epidemic,
- (b) whether Government have taken any special steps to fight malaria in these States,
- (c) if so, the outlines thereof and
- (d) whether WHO have been consulted in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A K M ISHAQUE) (a) Areas where the number of positive malaria cases is two or more per thousand of population are treated as high incidence areas. Such areas fall in almost all the States and Union Territories of the country but the malaria incidence is particularly high in the following States:

- (1) Andhra Pradesh
- (2) Gujarat
- (3) Haryana
- (4) Karnataka
- (5) Madhya Pradesh
- (6) Maharashtra
- (7) Orissa
- (8) Punjab
- (9) Rajasthan
- (10) Uttar Pradesh

(b) and (c). A statement indicating the steps taken is enclosed

(d) Yes. The World Health Organisation, South East Asia Regional Office, New Delhi, reviewed the mala-

ria situation in the South East Asia Region including India at a meeting held from 21st to 24th April, 1976.

Statement**Steps taken by Government for Controlling Malaria**

1 Increased quantity of various insecticides have been supplied to the States. Alternative insecticides are also being provided to the Units where the vector has become resistant to DDT

2 Adequate drugs have been provided under the National Malaria Eradication Programme and also made available through the trade channels. Where it is apprehended that the drugs may not reach through health staff, anti-malarials are being supplied through Panchayats and schools

3 Drug resistance studies are being carried out to delimit the extent of the problem of Chloroquine resistance in *P. falciparum* cases and to determine the drug regime effective against the same. To combat the situation, quinine tablets/ampoules have been supplied to the units required.

4 Modified Plan of Operation has been prepared. The existing units shall be re-organised

5 Anti-larval operations under Urban Malaria Programme have been intensified.

6 Supervision of the field staff has been toned up.

Minimum Wages Advisory Boards in States

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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state: