

Sl. No.	Name of the States/ Union Territories	No. of filaria cases (In million)
10.	Orissa	1.51
11.	Tamilnadu	1.30
12.	Uttar Pradesh	7.52
13.	West Bengal	0.03
14.	Pondicherry	0.01
15.	A&N Islands	—
16.	Daman & Diu	—
17.	Lakshadweep	—
18.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	—
Total		20.81

[Translation]

Treatment of Cataract

3913. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the successful treatment of cataract is the change of lens;

(b) whether most of the victims of the eye diseases are poor rural people and they are not able to change the lens;

(c) the expenditure to be incurred on cataract operations of one eye and both eyes in Government hospitals and in private hospitals separately; and

(d) whether Government propose to take any concrete steps to provide the facility to the poor people to get the lens changed free of cost or on low cost basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) No, Sir. Intraocular lens (IOL) implementation is a modern and improved technique for treatment of cataract.

(b) As per the survey conducted in 1989 blindness is more prevalent in rural areas. Intraocular lens implantation facilities are not freely available in Government Hospitals in rural areas due to lack of trained surgeons and other sophisticated equipment facilities needed for Intraocular lens implantation.

(c) Cataract Operations are being done free of cost in all the Govt. Hospitals. No data regarding expenditure on cataract operation in private hospitals are available.

(d) Under World Bank Assisted Cataract Blindness Control Project, which is in operation in seven States, it is proposed to get those patients operated for cataract and implantation of Intraocular lens free of cost who are medically recommended and also cannot afford the cost of lens.

Express Highway in Gujarat

3914. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA:
SHRI HARIN PATHAK:
SHRI KASHI RAM RANA:
SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD:
SHRI N.J. RATHVA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on Ahmedabad-Vadodra Express Highway in Gujarat has been stopped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) The road works of the project in question has temporarily been stopped due to contractual problems but the bridge works are currently in progress. It is now proposed to take up the balance work on B.O.T. (Build-Operate-Transfer) basis.

[English]

Centrally Sponsored Scheme

3915. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Central Health Schemes currently in operation and the progress achieved thereunder, scheme-wise;

(b) the details of significant achievements and shortcomings recorded on objective assessment of implementation of these schemes; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet such shortcomings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL