

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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UTILISATION OF FUNDS FOR TREATMENT OF DISEASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of patients suffering from T.B., Dengue, Malaria, Blindness and AIDS in the country during the current year along with the comparative figures in this regard during the last three years;
- (b) whether the funds made available for treatment of these disease have not been fully utilized;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure full utilization of the funds?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Details of number of patients suffering from TB, Dengue, Malaria and AIDS in the country during the last 3 years is at Annex.-I

So far as Blindness is concerned, as per a recent survey conducted in 2001-02, there were about 1.15 crore blind persons in the country.

(b) to (d): Funds released to States/UTs under National TB Control Programme, Blindness Control Programme and National AIDS Control Programme are utilized as per guidelines. Balances, if any, are carried over to the next year. Further funds are released only after receipt of utilization certificate from the respective societies. Accounts of the societies are audited annually.

Government of India provides anti-Malaria medicines to States/UTsas per their requirements. So far as Dengu is concerned, there is no specific treatment of Dengu fever, which is treated symptomatically. Hence, no specific funds are being provided to States/UTs for this purpose.

Annex.-I

Details of number of patients suffering from TB, Dengu, Malaria and AIDS in the country during the last three years

	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	
TB		1145618	1116171	1129076
Malaria		20940	22625	13972
Dengu		10	71	75
AIDS		7234	14139	11585