

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:60
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2003
ERADICATION OF DENGUE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the recent deaths caused by dengue fever in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the State Governments have sought any assistance from the Centre to combat the disease;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken/being taken by the Government for its eradication?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 60 FOR 23.7.2003

(a)&(b): As reported by State Health authorities, number of deaths that have occurred due to dengue fever in the country, State-wise upto 16th July, 2003 is as under:-

State	Deaths
Andhra Pradesh	1
Maharashtra	2
Rajasthan	1
Karnataka	1
Kerala	46

Total 51

(c)&(d): Government of Kerala has requested Central assistance for insecticides, Diagnostic Kits, ELISA Reader, minor civil works, training, IEC activities, mobility support, contingency and procurement of fogging machines.

(e) Eradication of dengue, which is a vector borne disease, is not technically feasible. Therefore, all possible efforts are made to control the disease.

While preventive and control of outbreaks is the responsibility of State Governments, technical support for investigation, prevention and control of Dengue outbreak in different parts of the country is provided by Government of India to the States through Directorate of National Anti Malaria Programme (NAMP) and National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), Delhi. Directorate of NAMP or NICD provide laboratory diagnostic support for confirmatory etiological diagnosis. They also organize training programme on prevention and control of dengue fever for State and district level health functionaries.

The States can utilize the commodities supplied under NAMP for containment measures against Dengue, if required.

Two Expert Teams from Directorate of National Anti Malaria Programme (NAMP) and National Institute of Communicable Disease (NICD) have provided technical support to the state of Kerala in handling the outbreak.

Requisite quantities of insecticides and larvicides have been provided to the State. Rs.20 lakhs for IEC activities have been released to the State through the Regional Director. The State has been advised to intensify focused IEC, community participation and inter-sectoral collaboration for source reduction and control besides proper case management.