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MALARIA PRONE CITIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an expert committee has identified 29 cities across the country as being prone to malaria including six metropolitan cities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to fight this menace and to prevent the malaria from spreading in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) The expert committee on Malaria set up in 1994 identified 15 cities, including Metropolitan cities, recording large number of malaria cases, for accelerated coverage under the Urban Malaria Scheme. The Committee also identified 14 towns/cities recording more than 10% Slide Positivity Rate during 1991-93 for accelerated coverage under the Urban Malaria Scheme. Out of the 29 cities/towns, 19 towns/cities have been covered under the Enhanced Malaria Control Project with World Bank Support for being provided with additional inputs to control Malaria.

(c) The steps taken for Malaria control under the Urban Malaria Scheme include:-

Recurrent anti-larval measures at weekly intervals with appropriate larvicides.

Identification of mosquito breeding sites and control of vectors through bio-environmental and source reduction methods.

Space spraying with Pyrethrum Extract in 50 houses around the house where a Malaria positive case has been detected.

Case detection and prompt treatment through hospitals, clinics, dispensaries etc.

Intensification of Information Education & Communication (IEC) activities to create public awareness on how to prevent mosquitogenic conditions and Malaria.