

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3440
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ERADICATION OF MALARIA IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether under the existing policy of the Government Malaria has since been eradicated in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof with the amount spent so far;
- (c) if not, the time by which the same is likely to be eradicated alongwith the estimated amount to be spent in future;
- (d) whether the Government have some more programmes to eradicate other diseases in Maharashtra during the current year and the next financial year of the Ninth Plan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Under the National Anti Malaria Programme, thrust is given for control of Malaria rather than eradication. Malaria has been on the decline in Maharashtra since 1997. Amount spent for control of Malaria in Maharashtra during the last 3 years under National Anti Malaria Programme including Enhanced Malaria Control Project with World Bank support is as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Govt. of India	State Government	Total
1997-98	1035.94	1852.68	2888.62
1998-99	1738.97	2120.28	3859.25
1999-2000	2132.89	1119.21	3252.10

(c): Globally, the thrust is for Malaria control and not for eradication. The objective of National Anti Malaria Programme is also to control Malaria effectively. The amount to be spent in the State in future would be on the basis of the need and available resources.

(d)&(e): Guinea Worm disease has been eradicated from the country including Maharashtra. Last reported case of Guinea Worm disease in Maharashtra was in the year 1992.

The goal of Polio eradication in the country including Maharashtra is expected to be achieved by the winter of 2000-2001.