

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has a proposal to set up Malaria Research Centre in every State particularly in Malaria prone areas;
- (b) if so, the number of such Malaria Research Centres set up in the country, State-wise;
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to eradicate Malaria from the Malaria prone areas in the country; and
- (d) the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The Indian Council of Medical Research established Malaria Research Centre (MRC) in year 1997 to provide technical support to the National Programme. At present, there is one Malaria Research Centre (MRC) at Head Quarter in Delhi and 12 Integrated Diseases Vector Control (IDVC) units in different parts of the country. There is no proposal for setting up Malaria Research Centre in every State.

(c) & (d): Government is implementing National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme in the entire country which also includes malaria. The Programme has inter-alia components like early diagnosis & prompt treatment of malaria cases, integrated vector control, information, education communication for generating awareness, capacity building, by training of health care workers, NGOs on prevention and control activities in Malaria, monitoring & evaluation through management information system. Under the programme, the Government, apart from providing financial assistance, provides commodities support like anti-malarial drugs. Insecticides and larvicides to the States. For effective control of the disease burden in the malaria prone areas, intensive malaria control measures are being implemented in the endemic States. Seven North-Eastern States and Sikkim are being given 100% assistance in this regard. Hundred hard core malaria & predominantly tribal districts of the States of Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhatisgarh, Orissa and Rajasthan have been included under Enhanced Malaria Control Project (EMCP) for additional inputs to intensify anti malaria activities. 94 districts of ten States including 65 districts of seven North-Eastern States, Seven districts of Jharkhand States, 6 districts of West Bengal and 16 districts of Orissa have been included under intensified malaria control project funded by the Global Fund for Aids. Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATMP which is to be implemented from 2005-06 for a period of five years.