

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

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ERADICATION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of increasing number of patients suffering from communicable diseases;
- (b) ifso, the details thereof, state-wise;
- (c) whether any effective research programme is being undertaken by the Government to prevent spread of communicable diseases; and
- (d) if not, the steps being taken by the Government for eradication of communicable diseases under the Indian Medical System?

Answer

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

(a) to (d); The number of cases and deaths due to principal communicable diseases in the country during the years 1999 to 2003, as reported by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence, is indicated at the ANNEXURE. The Government of India has undertaken a number of national health programmes to control/eradicate these diseases and also reduce the mortality and morbidity due to them. Under these programmes, steps are taken for health promotion, specific protection, early diagnosis and prompt treatment. Vaccination, improvement of personal hygiene and environmental conditions, undertaking IEC activities to spread general awareness are some important steps taken in this direction.

The Government has also launched Integrated Disease Surveillance Project which aims at preventing spread of communicable diseases by early identification of outbreaks and timely control measures.

Reported cases and deaths due to principal communicable diseases in India during 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003

Sl. No.	Name of Diseases	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003	
		Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1	Enteric fever	379304	382	471502	390	490195	606	374660	1497	532726	815
2	Measles	51001	261	38835	115	51780	85	34329	138	47147	115
3	Viral Hepatitis	131798	1322	153034	1038	149262	1147	98273	736	142601	998
4	Acute Respiratory Infection	16730509	3686	19657605	3278	20555848	3453	18342226	3166	2365785	4197
5	Poliomyelitis	899	11	3653	0	1368	7	269	12	368	3
6	Diphtheria	4216	85	5125	101	5472	89	4496	118	4236	106
7	Meningococcal	7444	868	7857	991	9555	969	8387	817	7829	622

Meningitis

8 Pneumonia 417977 3027 519921 3604 546780 6190 483807 3698 638206 4083

9 Rabies/
Dog Bites 6610 483 7248 473 N.A. 490 N.A. 437 3386 377

10 Tetanus 2792 385 3287 355 1718 331 1188 239 1720 162
Neonatal

11 Tetanus 6729 1014 8997 892 5764 755 11,426 634. 4020 534
Others

12 Whooping Cough 32939 22 31431 14 34703 25 25881 33 33954 31
13 Gonococcal Infection 95278 11 116686 49 121207 109 104672 58 144082 58

14 Syphilis 31684 7 35390 19 32756 9 23420 2 44852 11

15 Acute Diarrhoeal Diseases 8215296 3594 8586735 2853 9289558 2787 7703029 2670 10173321 4652

16 Tuberculosis 736064 6656 834084 7509 842947 8302 628687 7097 712259 8189

17 Cholera 3839 6 3879 18 4178 6 3455 10 2893 2

Source : CBHI, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Note : Figures are provisional