

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CASES OF MALARIA

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

- (a) the total number of the cases of Malaria reported in the country and the number of patients died of the said disease during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the corrective measures taken and the financial assistance provided to the State Governments including Uttar Pradesh to curb the incidence of Malaria during the said period and the achievements made as a result thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take new measures to stop the large number of deaths due to various kinds of Malaria including Brain Malaria in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) Cases of Malaria in the country are reported calendar year-wise i.e. January to December of the year. Accordingly, the number of cases and deaths reported due to Malaria during 2006 to 2009, State/UT-wise, are given in Annexure-I.

(b) Government of India through its National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) has developed a strategy for prevention and control of vector-borne diseases including Malaria, which advocates for integrated vector control, early case detection and complete treatment, and behaviour change communication. Government of India provides technical support and also supplements the States by providing funds and commodities as per their annual requirements approved under National Rural Health Mission for carrying out the above stated activities. However, the programme is primarily being implemented through the State Governments.

The details of financial assistance in the form of grants- in-aid (cash & kind) provided to the States/UTs including Uttar Pradesh for prevention and control of vector-borne diseases during the years 2006-07 to 2009-10 are given in Annexure-II.

As a result of above measures the number of reported malaria cases has declined from 17,85,129 in 2006 to 15,33,169 in 2009. Deaths reported due to malaria have also declined from 1707 in 2006 to 1068 in 2009.

(c) & (d) For effective control of malaria, including P. falciparum malaria, and to reduce malaria mortality, Government has already taken the following initiatives:

Intensification of surveillance by involving the community volunteers like ASHAs for diagnosis of Brain Malaria (P.falciparum cases) by using rapid diagnosis tests (RDTs) and treating positive cases with the ACT (Artesunate sulpha -pyrimethamine combination treatment).

Distribution of Long lasting insecticide treated nets (LLINs) in high malaria endemic areas for protection of family members from the bites of vector mosquitoes.

Strengthening of the programme through additional manpower.

Strengthening of referral centres by equipping them with essential anti-malarials and other supportive drugs and equipment to deal with severe malaria cases.