

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEATHS DUE TO MALARIA IN TRIBAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether hundreds of people die due to malaria in the tribal areas;
- (b) the number of persons died due to malaria in the State of Jharkhand during the last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for eradication of malaria in the tribal areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a): As malaria is largely prevalent in remote and inaccessible forest areas where mostly tribal people live, deaths due to malaria occur in such areas.

(b): The number of persons reported to have died due to malaria in the State of Jharkhand during the last three years is given below:-

Year Deaths Due to Malaria in Jharkhand

2006	4
2007	31
2008	36

(c) The Government has a programme for malaria control (not eradication) in the country. Following steps have been/are being taken for effective control of malaria in the country and more intensively in tribal malaria endemic areas:

- (1) Early case detection & treatment by providing Rapid Diagnostic Tests and Artemisinin based Combination Therapy (ACT).
- (2) Supervised indoor residual spray (IRS), distribution of bednets as well as treatment of community owned bednets for vector control.
- (3) Community Mobilization by carrying out appropriate Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities.
- (4) Two hundred high malaria endemic districts, which are predominantly tribal, have been identified and are being covered under special projects assisted by the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) and the World Bank.