

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2750  
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JARAWA TRIBES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether various diseases such as TB, Malaria, Hepatitis B, Mums, Measles, Jaundice, etc. have been identified among the Jarawa Tribes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the reasons for high prevalence of such diseases among the Jarawa Tribes;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to immunise them from these communicable diseases;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the other measures taken/proposed for the better health care of Jarawa tribes?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISATRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)& (b): The number of cases of TB, Malaria, Hepatitis B, Mumps, Measles and Jaundice during last three years, as reported by the Secretariat of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration, are given in the table below. Figures of 2011 are not available:

Disease	2008	2009	2010
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TB	Nil	Nil	1
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Malaria	23	Nil	12
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Hepatitis B	Nil	Nil	Nil
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Mumps	Nil	Nil	Nil
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Measles	Nil	Nil	Nil
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Jaundice	Nil	Nil	Nil
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(c): Does not arise.

(d) & (e): the Andaman and Nicobar administration has informed that the sub group of Expert Committee of Jarawa had considered the issue of immunization of Jarawa community and suggested that the matter needs further expert opinion.

(f): Officials from the Directorate of Health Services, Andaman & Nicobar Administration along with team of specialists visit the Jarawa Huts regularly to provide health care services to Jarawa Tribes. Health awareness campaigns are also undertaken by the health officials and para medical staff.

Special wards for Jarawa have been set up at PHC Kadamtala, PHC Tushnabad and GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair.