

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3885

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MALARIA MORTALITY

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

- (a) the names of the schemes being run by the Government to control malaria along with the funds allocated thereunder during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note of a new research which has estimated far higher malaria deaths in India in 2010 than the estimated official figures;
- (c) if so, the details along with the facts in this regard;
- (d) the number of malaria cases and deaths recorded in comparison to the estimates of the said study among the children and adults in the country during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to revise India's malaria mortality figures in view of the findings of the said study; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the remedial measures taken/ proposed for proper recording and treatment of malaria patients in the hospitals across the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) is an umbrella programme for prevention and control of six vector-borne diseases including malaria. The Govt. of India provides assistance in the form of cash and kind to the States/UTs as per their technical requirements on approved programme norms. Details of the States/UT-wise central assistance provided under NVBDCP for vector-borne diseases during last three years are given at Annexure-I.

(b) Yes.

(c) The study published in Lancet in 2010 by Dhingra and Jha P. et al has estimated the number of deaths due to malaria in India as 2,05,000 with very wide range i.e. 1,25,000 to 2,77,000.

The estimation of malaria deaths reported in 'the Lancet' is not acceptable according to experts from the World Health Organization, Indian Council of Medical Research and Directorate of National Vector-Borne Disease Control Programme. The study published in the journal suffers from several methodological deficiencies.

(d) The reported cases and death due to malaria in the country during last three years are as given below:

Year Reported	Reported Malaria Cases	Reported Deaths
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2009	1563574	1144
2010	1599986	1018
2011#	1278760	463

# Provisional

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Age wise analysis of reported cases of 2009 revealed that 24% of cases of the total occurred among children (under15 years age group).

States/UTs-wise number of malaria cases and deaths recorded during the last three years are placed at Annexure-2.

(e) & (f) There is no need to revise the figures in line with the findings of study in view of the reply to part (c) of the question. However, for improving, recording, reporting and treatment of cases, following steps have been taken :

1. Guidelines for proper recording and treatment of malaria patients have been prepared and disseminated to States/UTs.
2. Cases and deaths due to malaria are recorded and reported in the structured format provided by NVBDCP.