

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FILARIA CONTROL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched a programme to control/eliminate filaria in selected districts across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of the districts where the said programme is being implemented, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) the criteria and norms fixed for implementing the said programme;
- (d) whether any provisions have been made for monitoring of the implementation of the said programme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Government of India launched an annual campaign in 2004 in filarial endemic districts in 15 States and 5 Union Territories for elimination of Filariasis. The campaign is an integral component of the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) under the overarching umbrella of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). The main strategy for elimination of lymphatic filariasis is to prevent the transmission of the infection through annual Mass Drug Administration (MDA) of single dose of anti-filarial drugs (Diethyl Carbamazine citrate (DEC) and Albendazole tablets) in the endemic population.

Details of the 250 filarial endemic districts where the campaign has been launched are annexed.

(c): The districts were identified as endemic for lymphatic filariasis based on presence of lymphatic filariasis cases and prevalence of microfilaria carriers.

(d) & (e): Yes. Monitoring is done through:-

Routine reporting on elimination activities from States & Districts

Independent assessment of coverage and drug compliance during annual MDA through Medical College/ Research Institutions.

Impact assessment through microfilaria survey in endemic districts.