

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HEALTH PROBLEMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study/investigations about high prevalence of water-borne and certain other diseases in Kuttanadu in Kerala and some other areas across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year so far, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the outcome of the above study/investigations alongwith the action taken thereon, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes any special assistance for the above areas including Kuttanadu to tackle various health problems; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Central team of experts have investigated reported increase of various diseases in Kuttanadu in Kerala and other areas across the country. Details of investigations carried out during last three years and current year, state/UT-wise and their outcome is annexed. Recommendations of the Central Team have been sent to State Governments for prevention and control of diseases.

(d) & (e): Government of India is implementing National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to strengthen the public health delivery system in States/UT's. Under NRHM, the State/UT Governments including Government of Kerala incorporate their requirements for improvement of health infrastructure for providing better health delivery services and tackling various health problems in their annual Programme Implementation Plan (PIP).

Under Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP), Districts and States have been strengthened to detect and respond to outbreaks of epidemic-prone diseases including water borne diseases by providing additional manpower, training of identified Rapid Response Team (RRT) members for outbreak investigations and strengthening of laboratories for detection of epidemic prone diseases. Therefore, no special assistance over and above PIP's to tackle various communicable diseases is provided.