

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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VECTOR BORNE DISEASES

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of annual recurrences of cases of vector-borne diseases i.e. dengue, malaria, meningitis and kala-azar and deaths therefrom across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of cases of dengue, malaria, meningitis and kala-azar reported and deaths occurred therefrom during the last year and the current year so far, State/UTwise;
- (c) whether the Government has drawn any policy/action plan for management of these vector-borne diseases and also to check their recurrence;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the financial and technical assistance provided to the State Governments for the purpose during the said period, State/UTwise; and
- (e) the mechanism put in place by the Government for proper monitoring and implementation of various programmes to curb and eradicate vector-borne diseases across the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Government of India closely monitors cases and deaths due to vector-borne diseases. Reported cases and deaths due to dengue, malaria, JE/AES and Kala-azar during the last year and the current year are provided at Annexure-L

(c) & (d) The Government of India is running National Vector-Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) under the overall umbrella of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) for prevention and control of vector-borne diseases.

The prevention and control strategy contains early diagnosis and complete treatment of the cases including integrated vector management, indoor residual spray, anti-larval measures (use of bio-larvicides and larvivorous fish), upscaling the use of Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets, introduction of ELISA based NS1 diagnostic test for dengue, upscaling the use of Rapid Diagnostic test for Kala-azar, JE Vaccination of children in campaign mode, disease surveillance through sentinel sites and Behavior Change Communication.

The Government also provides technical support and supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing funds and commodities as per the requirements of the States.

Detailes of financial assistance provided to the affected States during the last year and current year (upto 03.08.2012) are given at Annexure-II.

(e) State Governments are responsible for monitoring and implementation of the activities under the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP). The Government of India supplements the ongoing activities of the State Governments through regular field visits, reports and review meetings.