

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MALARIA DEATHS

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

- (a) whether a committee of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has found that the actual number of malaria deaths in the country is much higher than the present estimates of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the response of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHURY)

(a) to (c) There is no committee of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for estimation or reporting of Malaria deaths. However one committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Padam Singh, former Additional Director, ICMR was constituted by Government of India to estimate the malaria deaths.

The committee shared its draft report with the Director General of Health Services who advised for validation of estimation of malaria mortality after undertaking community based studies.

(d) Under National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP), more accurate reporting is through the following:-

Intensified surveillance through active and passive surveillance by making provision of facilities for case detection and treatment at community level.

Co-ordination with Integrated Diseases Surveillance Programme for early detection.

Establishment of Surveillance Sentinel Sites in high malaria endemic districts.