

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

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ERADICATION OF T.B. AND MALARIA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to prepare a unique programme for the eradication of T.B. and Malaria diseases from the country on the line of polio; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. Due to different epidemiological situation pertaining to both TB and Malaria, it is technically not possible to eradicate the diseases at this point of time. Government of India is operating the National TB Control Programme and the national Anti Malaria Programme to control the respective diseases.

For the control of TB, in order to achieve a cure rate of 85% of new sputum positive cases and to detect at least 70% of such cases, Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) is being implemented in the country in a phased manner. About 480 million population have been covered in about 225 districts of the country. It is envisaged to cover 800 million population by 2004 and the entire country by 2005.

In so far as Malaria is concerned, the National Anti Malaria Programme (NAMP) is a Category II Centrally Sponsored Scheme on a cost sharing basis between the Centre and the States. The programme envisages both detection and treatment of cases with drugs and prevention of mosquito breeding through insecticides and bio-environmental methods. An Enhanced Malaria Control Project (EMCP) with World Bank support is being implemented since September, 1997 in 8 high endemic predominantly tribal States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Orissa and Rajasthan. Under the Programme, Central Government provides insecticides, drugs biolarvicides, Impregnated bednets and other materials and equipments to the States/UTs. 100% central assistance is being provided to the North Eastern States since December, 1994.