

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

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

- (a) whether the incidents of meningitis (Brain fever) are on the increase in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of deaths occurred due to this during 1999-2000 and till date, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government propose to take steps to control this disease;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the financial assistance provided for this purpose during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) The question does not arise.
- (c) The Central Bureau of Health Intelligence has not yet compiled the data for the year 1999-2000 and thereafter.
- (d)to(f) The disease is not eradicable. However, National Institute of Communicable Disease provides technical support for outbreak investigation and laboratory diagnosis, as and when requested by States.