

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

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SPREAD OF KALA AZAR IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that Kala-Azar disease is spreading in Bihar especially, in Purnia and Kosi districts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of deaths reported by Kala-Azar disease during the last year;
- (c) whether the Bihar had sought the help of the Central Government in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for the eradication of this disease in Bihar?

Answer

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

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) & (b) : 251 deaths due to Kala-Azar disease have been reported in Bihar State in 1999. The incidence of Kala-Azar disease has not shown any increased trend during the last few years in Purnia district, or in Bihar State as a whole.

(c) to (e) : Under the Kala-Azar control Programme, the Central Government provided anti Kala-Azar drugs and insecticides to the State during the last two years as follows:-

Anti Kala-azar drugs 1997-98 1998-99

SSG injection	39,070 vials	50,000 vials
Pentamidine Insecticide	3,000 vials	7,000 vials
DDT	1,053 MT	800 MT

The steps taken for containment of Kala-azar include:-

Supply of anti Kala-azar drug free of cost through the State Governments. Interruption of transmission through vector control by undertaking residual spray of DDT in affected areas. Early diagnosis and complete treatment through Primary Health Care System. Health education and community participation. Organisation of Orientation Training for the Officers involved in implementation of the Kala-azar Control Programme.