

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:21
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2003
ERADICATION OF DENGUE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of dengue cases reported in various parts of the country particularly in Delhi during the last three months, State-wise;
- (b) the number of deaths caused in the country, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has convened a high level review meeting of officials of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), National anti Malaria Programme (NAMP), National Institute of Communicable diseases (NICD) and other hospitals to take immediate steps to check dengue cases;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has received any co-operation from State Governments for eradication of dengue;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the action plan formulated by the Union Government to check its outbreak?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)to(g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.21 FOR 3.12.2003.

(a) & (b) : The number of dengue cases and deaths reported during the months of August, September and October, 2003, State-wise, are as under:-

States	August	September	October
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Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
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Andhra Pradesh	4	0	19	0	15	0
Goa	4	1	1	0	NR	NR
Gujarat	54	0	51	3	53	6
Karnataka	295	1	88	0	238	1
Kerala	808	6	312	2	217	4
Uttar Pradesh	0	0	10	0	503	0
Delhi	10	0	362	1	1861	29
Maharashtra	69	1	3	2	205	15
Rajasthan	26	0	102	2	NR	NR
Tamil Nadu	119	0	248	1	17	0
Punjab	38	2	3	1	NR	NR

Total	1427	11	1199	12	3109	55
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NR - Not Reported.

(c) & (d): Meetings under the Chairmanship of Union Health Secretary with the representatives from the Government of NCT of Delhi, MCD, NDMC, ICMR, NAMP, NICD and neighbouring States of Rajasthan, U.P., Haryana, Punjab and Chandigarh and from Kerala & Maharashtra was held on 29.7.2003 to review the state of preparedness for prevention and control of dengue fever, malaria and other vector borne diseases. The recommendations in the meeting, inter-alia, envisaged capacity building for outbreak investigations and control, involvement of the community through various communication channels, circulation of guidelines for clinical management and ensuring availability of diagnostic kits.

Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare reviewed the dengue situation in Delhi and other parts of the country with the representatives from MCD, NDMC, Government of NCT of Delhi, NAMP, NICD, ICMR, AIIMS and Medical Superintendents of the Central Government Hospitals in meetings held on 9.10.2003. In the said meetings, emphasis was laid on intensive IEC campaigns, localized fogging and massive cleanliness drive.

A meeting was also convened under the Chairmanship of Union Health Secretary on 31.10.2003 which was attended by the concerned officers from the MCD, NDMC, Ministry of Health & FW, DGHS, Central Government Hospital, NAMP and NICD. The meeting focussed on review of the action taken by various authorities for controlling Dengue/DHF and state of preparedness for combating the spread of the disease in Delhi.

(e) to (g): Government of India and the endemic states are working together on controlling the dengue epidemic. While preventive measures and control of outbreaks is the responsibility of the State Governments, technical support for investigation, prevention and control of dengue outbreak in different parts of the country is provided by the Government of India to the States through Directorate of National Anti Malaria Programme (NAMP) and National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), Delhi. Directorate of NAMP and NICD provide laboratory diagnostic support for confirmatory etiological diagnosis. They also organize training programmes on prevention and control of dengue fever for state and district level health functionaries. The Government of India provides insecticides, larvicides and other equipments and materials as per requirements of the States. The State Governments on their part undertake surveillance activities, IEC campaigns, fogging to control adult vectors during outbreaks and case management in various hospitals and health care centres.

A National Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme (NVBDCP) by converging prevention and control programmes for Dengue and Japanese Encephalitis with three ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely, National Anti Malaria Programme, National Filaria Control Programme and Kala-azar Control Programme has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on 15th October, 2003. For controlling Dengue, Central support would be need based and would be provided in the event of an outbreak.