

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:326

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FILARIA CASES

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

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the spreading of Filaria cases in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government provided assistance to Orissa for the above purpose during the last three years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Cases of Filariasis have been reported from 15 districts of Orissa. As per the reports received from the State Health Authorities, number of cases treated during the last three years and during 2003 (upto October) are as follows :-

YEAR	No. of Cases
2000	1464
2001	1347
2002	1569
2003 (upto October)	1743

(c) & (d) Control of Filariasis is the responsibility of State Governments. The Central Govt. provides technical guidance and drugs for treatment of patients and larvicides for use in the urban areas. 150 lakhs (50 mg.) and 120 lakhs (100 mg.) of DEC tablets were supplied to Orissa during the year 2001-02. 2200 Ltrs. of larvicide was provided to the State in 2003.

A Programme for Mass Drug Administration of DEC to interrupt transmission of the disease was launched in two districts of the State during 1997. This programme was taken up again in four districts during 2002. However, due to public interest litigation filed in the Orissa High Court, the programme has been suspended since 2002 and the matter is sub-judice.