

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

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

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to launch a programme for the management of Lymphoedema cases at the doorsteps with the Mass Drug Administration of single dose of Diethylcarbamazine (DCE);and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir, Govt. of India has already launched the programme for elimination of lymphatic filariasis which has following strategies:

Annual Mass Drug Administration (MDA) of single dose of DEC (Diethylcarbamazine citrate) for 5 years or more to the eligible population to interrupt transmission of the disease. The National Filaria Day was observed on 11th November, 2005 for Mass Drug Administration (MDA) of single dose of DEC (Diethylcarbamazine citrate)

Home based management of lymphoedema cases and up-scaling of hydrocele operations in identified CHCs/Distt hospitals/medical colleges.

Capacity building of health care workers for home-based management of Lymphatic filariasis cases.

During 2004, as per reports received from 18 districts, 82 hydrocelectomy camps were organized and 2072 hydrocele operations were conducted.

During the year 2005, 440 faculties in 69 medical colleges were trained for imparting training to district level trainers in management of vector borne diseases including management of Lymphodema cases through Primary Health Care system.