

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2078  
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EFFECTIVENESS OF DDT  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the DDT has failed as an effective Anti-Malaria strategy in the country besides creating chemical dependency and causing adverse health and environment impact;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) : No Sir. World Health Organization(WHO) has recommended use of DDT for control of Malaria and other vector borne diseases. The DDT is being used in the programme for indoor residual spray since the inception of National Malaria Control Programme in 1953 & has been effective in bringing down the incidence of Malaria. The insecticide is still being used in areas where Anopheles vector mosquitoes are susceptible to DDT. In those areas, where the vector is resistant to DDT, alternate insecticides like Malathion & Synthetic Pyrethroids are recommended.