

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

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TYPHOID MENACE

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

- (a) whether Typhoid is spreading in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to take any concrete steps to control the disease;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d) As per information provided by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence, the number of Typhoid cases reported by the States/UTs during the year 2001,2002 & 2003 were 4,90,195; 3,74,660 and 5,32,726 respectively. Unsafe drinking water, poor sanitation, hygiene are some of the important causes of Typhoid. Provision of safe drinking water, sanitation, hygiene and treatment of typhoid is the primary responsibility of the State Governments. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments through various schemes such as Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, Swajaldhara Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana- Rural Drinking Water, Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme, Total Sanitation Campaign, School Sanitation and Hygiene Education and Low Cost Sanitation Scheme. National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi provides technical support to the State Governments and undertakes surveillance, early detection and prevention of control of outbreak of communicable diseases including Typhoid.