

Summary Indicators for country groupings

Sub-Saharan Africa	95	50
South Asia	62	64
East Asia and Pacific	23	72
Latin America and Caribbean	22	73
CEE/CIS	24	68
Industrialized countries	5	79
Developing countries	54	66
Least developed countries	90	55
World	49	68

SOURCE: (1) Extracts from "State of World's Children 2008" brought out by UNICEF

- * For India, data from the Sample Registration System of the Registrar General of India has been used, which is the official source for such estimates. Life Expectancy for India corresponding to the year 2003

Permanent cure for deadly diseases

†1607. SHRI VEER PAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- whether Government is formulating any scheme for permanent cure of serious and deadly diseases such as AIDS, hepatitis, small-pox, malaria, dengue and chickungunya;
- if so, the details thereof and by when it would be formulated; and
- if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Small-pox has already been eradicated from the country. AIDS, hepatitis, dengue and chickungunya are due to viral infections and there is no permanent cure for them. Radical treatment of malaria is already available and being implemented under National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme.

Labelling of packaged food

1608. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- whether it is a fact that a food label would be mandatory for all items giving details of their ingredients and the nutritional value;
- if so, the details thereof;
- whether it is also a fact that the country had now overtaken the US as the diabetes capital of the world and was second in obesity, primarily because of the junk food eating habits and lack of physical activity in contrast to the fact that a large number of people were undernourished; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.