

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no such proposal.

**Controlling Malaria in Madhya Pradesh**

†3065. SHRI VIKRAM VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many patients died due to outbreak of malaria in Baitool district of Madhya Pradesh, many of whom were suffering from falciparum malaria;

(b) whether the Central Health Department, alongwith the State Government, had received information and complaints in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of steps taken in that regard;

(d) whether any study report has been submitted by any Government or voluntary institution to Government; and

(e) the details of preventive measures taken against malaria in that district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) During 2000, some blocks of Betul district in Madhya Pradesh were affected with malaria outbreak and 30 deaths due to P. falciparum malaria were recorded in this district.

(b) to (e) Yes, Sir. Following steps have been taken for control of the disease:—

1. Betul District has been included under Enhanced Malaria Control Project (EMCP) with World Bank Support since September, 1997 for enhanced inputs for intensification of anti-malaria activities.
2. During the epidemic period 6 Central Teams visited the affected areas to take stock of the situation and to suggest appropriate containment measures.

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3. The Central Government provided adequate anti-malarials like Choloroquine, Primaquine etc. to the State.
4. Insecticides were provided for undertaking the vector control measures.
5. The situation was reviewed at the level of Union Health Minister from time to time with technical experts for effective containment measures.
6. State Government constituted six combat teams to tackle the situation. In addition Mobile teams were also constituted to shift serious patients to referral centres.
7. The vector control measures i.e. indoor residual spraying, space spraying etc. with DDT 50% were carried out in affected areas.

Based on the observations made by various central teams who visited Betul the State Government has been advised to draw up Action Plan for intensification of Malaria Control efforts.

#### **Reservation in Medical Entrance Tests**

<sup>†</sup>3066. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any reservation for persons belonging to SCs/ STs and backward castes in the All India Pre-Medical and All India Post Graduate Medical Entrance Tests;

(b) if so, the details of reservation benefits given during the last three years and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the plan to ensure reservation for upliftment of these classes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) As per the scheme as approved by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, there is no reservation of any kind including for the persons

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