

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3624  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**ELIMINATING MALARIA FROM THE COUNTRY**

**3624. SHRI ANIL DESAI:**

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

- (a) whether India has been central to the fight against malaria, since the beginning of the battle;
- (b) whether at the East Asia Summit in 2015, Honble Prime Minister had committed India to eliminating malaria by 2030, and last year, India launched its National strategic plan for malaria elimination; and
- (c) if so, the details of steps being taken to smoke out malaria from the country even before 2030?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (a): Yes. Fight against malaria was initiated in the year 1953 with the formation of National Malaria Control Programme (NMCP) which is now subsumed under National Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme (NVBDCP).
- (b): Yes. Hon'ble Prime Minister at the 13<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Summit and 10<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit held in 2015 in Kuala Lumpur endorsed the call of eliminating malaria by 2030. India launched the National Framework for Malaria Elimination (2016-2030) in 2016 which was followed by National Strategic Plan (NSP 2017-2022) for malaria elimination, in July 2017.
- (c): The details of steps being taken to eliminate malaria from the country are as under:
- The National Framework for Malaria Elimination (2016-30) was launched by Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India in February, 2016.
  - The Operational Manual for Malaria Elimination (version 1) was launched by Director General of Health Services (DGHS) in April, 2016.

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- National Strategic Plan (2017-22) was released by Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India in July, 2017.
- States Regional Offices and Stakeholders were sensitized on the contents of NSP(2017-22)
- Advisories were sent to States.
- Monthly Epidemiological Situation/M-4 Report is being sent to all State Programme Officers (SPOs) and Regional Directors (RDs) on 5th day of every month.
- International Cross Border Meeting (India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar and Nepal) for Malaria Elimination was held on 24-25 November, 2017.
- 1st Meeting of the 8th Working Group on Health for Sharing Information and Cooperation in Pandemic (Malaria and Dengue) Management between India and Mekong Ganga Countries (MGC) was held on 29 and 30 November 2017.
- 1st Training of Trainers on malaria elimination was held collaboratively with World Health Organisation (WHO) from 4 to 8 December, 2017 for State Programme officers, Senior Regional Directors etc. to accelerate the implementation of malaria elimination strategies.
- 1st Meeting of National Taskforce on Malaria Elimination under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Health and FW) was held on 21 February, 2018.

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