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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2053 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2019

MEASURES TO CONTROL MALARIA

2053. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

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

- (a) whether WHO has predicted that "India unlikely to cut malaria burden by half in 2020", if so, the details thereof and response of the Government thereon;
- (b) the steps taken in comparison to other countries in attacking and stopping malaria in India:
- (c) the details of flagship scheme in place to check malaria; and
- (d) the funds allocated, utilized and unutilized during the past two years for the purpose along with the reasons for not utilizing the fund in this regard?

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

- (a): No.
- (b) & (c): India has taken several important steps, details of which are as under:-
- Launch of National Framework for Malaria Elimination (NFME) 2016-2030 in February 2016
- Launch of National Strategic Plan (2017-2022) in 2017 for district level strategies for achieving malaria elimination in a phased manner and certification of India as a malaria free country by 2030
- Supply of Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLINs) to people living in high malaria endemic areas with API 1 and above. About 5 Crore LLINs have already been supplied to States and another 2.24 Crore are under supply during 2019-2020 to cover the entire population in the country living in high malaria endemic areas (with incidence of 1 malaria case per thousand population).
- Availability of Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDTs) and antimalarial drugs with ASHAs for early diagnosis and prompt treatment at the community level.

Monitoring the Malaria situation in States/Union Territories through regular monthly reports, reviews and visits to States

(d): The information is being collected and will be placed before the Table of the House.