

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4409  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2020**

**NATIONAL FILARIA PREVENTION PROGRAMME**

**4409. SHRI SANTOSH PANDEY:**

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

(a) whether the Government has launched a National Filaria Prevention Programme (NFPP) across the country, if so, the date of inception of the said programme;

(b) the coverage of the programme, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received reports of the failure of this programme to cater to the needs of filaria patients;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of such patients who have not reaped the benefits of the programme, State/UT-wise; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): Yes. Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis (ELF) programme was initiated in June, 2004. The twin pillar strategy for ELF programme are:

- Transmission control – Interruption of transmission through annual Mass Drug Administration (MDA): To prevent the occurrence of new infection and disease by administration of annual single dose (Mass Drug Administration – MDA) of anti-filarial drug i.e. DEC + Albendazole (DA)/ Ivermectin + DEC + Albendazole (IDA)
- Morbidity Management & Disability Prevention – Home based management of Lymphoedema cases and up-scaling of hydrocele operations in identified Community Health Centres (CHCs)/District hospitals/medical colleges for alleviation of suffering.

(b): Lymphatic Filariasis is endemic in 257 districts of 21 States/Union Territories(UTs) . The 21 States/UTs wise MDA coverage is at **Annexure**.

(c) to (e): No such report has been received. Out of 257 districts, 98 districts have cleared Transmission Assessment Survey (TAS-1) and are in Post MDA Surveillance and 13 districts are proposed for TAS-1. Remaining 146 districts are under MDA.

Accelerated Plan for Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis, 2018 was launched in 10<sup>th</sup> Global Alliance Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

**MDA coverage (%) since 2015**

Sl. No.	States/UTs	2015 round	2016 round	2017 round	2018 round	2019 (Prov.)
1	Andhra Pradesh	89.01	ND	94.11	93.49	93.85
2	Telangana	90.41	91.02	82.31	91.27	91.43
3	Assam	<b>MDA Stopped</b>				85.85
4	Bihar	89.03	85.29	83.82	84.21	93.82
5	Chhattisgarh	90.54	91.03	90.08	84.54	91.29
6	Goa	<b>MDA Stopped</b>				
7	Gujarat	97.51	96.52	93.71	92.70	<b>ND</b>
8	Jharkhand	87.56	84.29	93.20	87.83	90.40
9	Karnataka	88.41	85.84	87.88	91.74	92.85
10	Kerala	82.08	91.35	89.80	95.79	96.13
11	Madhya Pradesh	91.13	<b>ND</b>	86.12	84.27	86.98
12	Maharashtra	93.15	88.26	88.63	91.79	88.91
13	Orissa	91.82	88.74	91.06	90.83	89.62
14	Tamil Nadu	<b>MDA stopped</b>				
15	Uttar Pradesh	88.16	70.27	84.22	83.85	85.57
16	West Bengal	84.39	85.28	84.80	87.88	91.25
17	A&N Islands	96.08	98.20	<b>ND</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>ND</b>
18	D & N Haveli	92.81	<b>ND</b>	<b>ND</b>	95.55	94.78
19	Daman & Diu	<b>MDA stopped</b>				
20	Lakshadweep	<b>MDA stopped</b>				
21	Puducherry	<b>MDA stopped</b>				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>88.96</b>	<b>85.07</b>	<b>85.93</b>	<b>85.82</b>	<b>89.40</b>

ND - Not done