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WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3132  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2021**

**Spreading of Malaria in Marathwada Region**

**3132. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the situation of spread of malaria in Marathwada region including the Nanded district of Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof; if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is an acute shortage of competent officials to tackle the problem of malaria in Nanded region;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to check the spread of malaria in Nanded; and
- (e) the details of action taken/proposed to be taken to meet the shortage of competent health officials in this regard?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH  
AND FAMILY WELFARE**

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(a) : The Government is regularly reviewing the malaria situation in Maharashtra (including Nanded district of Marathwada Region) through virtual meetings.

- ❖ In 2020, 18 malaria cases were reported from Marathwada region as compared to 174 in 2016 (89.7% decline in cases). Details are at **Annexure**.
- ❖ No malaria death has been reported in Marathwada Region since 2016

All districts of Marathwada region including Nanded have achieved Annual Parasite Incidence (API) of less than 1, which means less than 1 case of malaria in a year per 1,000 population.

(b) & (c): Health is a State subject. Department of Health and Family Welfare is running National Vector Borne Disease Control Program (NVBDCP) under the aegis of National Health Mission(NHM). The

program inter alia covers malaria. Technical and financial support is provided to the States/UTs for implementation of the programme, on the basis of their proposals in Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) subject to the resource envelope. Recruitment and placement of human resource is the prerogative of the States/UTs.

As per the information received from the State Government of Maharashtra, regular post of District Malaria officer (DMO) is vacant in Nanded district. However, additional charge of DMO post is given to Taluka Health Officer (THO), Deglur.

(d): Health being a State subject, programme activities are required to be conducted by the State Government. NVBDCP, under NHM, provides technical and financial support for a number of activities to check the spread of malaria in all vulnerable areas including Nanded. These activities include:-

- ❖ Early diagnosis and radical treatment through use of Rapid Diagnostic Tests and ensuring complete treatment up to community level through ASHA incentives.
- ❖ Case-based surveillance and rapid response
- ❖ Larval source management (LSM): Anti-larval measures are taken by using chemical and bio larvicides including larvivorous fish in places where there is vector breeding, especially in urban areas.
- ❖ Epidemic preparedness and early response.
- ❖ Behaviour Change Communication and community mobilization
- ❖ Observance of anti-malaria month every year in the month of June for generating community awareness regarding the disease, its prevention and control measures.

(e): Assessing the shortage of health officials and taking appropriate action to address the same, lies in the domain of the State. As per the State Government, it has initiated a drive to fill up all vacant posts of health officials in the department.

NVBDCP, under NHM, provides financial support to States/UTs for engaging human resource on contractual basis to supplement human resource in case of shortage. The said support is provided on the basis of the proposals received from the State, subject to the resource envelope.

**District wise malaria cases in Marathwada Region, Maharashtra, from 2016-2021**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the District</b>	<b>2016*</b>	<b>2017*</b>	<b>2018*</b>	<b>2019*</b>	<b>2020*</b>	<b>2021(till May)*</b>
1	Aurangabad	29	18	7	1	2	0
2	Jalna	0	3	1	3	1	1
3	Parbhani	11	2	4	2	1	0
4	Hingoli	4	1	2	1	0	0
5	Latur	37	10	13	3	7	0
6	Osmanabad	11	2	6	2	1	0
7	Beed	34	14	8	0	4	0
8	Nanded	48	14	4	3	2	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>

\*No malaria deaths has been reported since 2016 in Marathwada region.