

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1039
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd DECEMBER 2021**

MALARIA OUTBREAKS IN MEGHALAYA'

1039. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware that Meghalaya is a Category 3 zone for Malaria outbreaks in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) Whether the Government has undertaken any awareness initiative in Meghalaya to prevent spread of Malaria; and
- (c) The number of deaths recorded under different age-groups due to Malaria in North Eastern Region, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

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

(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

- (a) Meghalaya state is under Category-3 as per the National Framework launched in February, 2016 and targeted for malaria elimination by 2027. In 2014, Annual Parasite Index of Meghalaya state was 12.52, since 2019 state has achieved API less than 1.
- (b) The awareness initiative taken by the Government in Meghalaya state to prevent Malaria are as follows:
 - Observance of World Malaria Day every year on 25th April and anti-malaria month every year in June for generating community awareness regarding the disease, its prevention and control measures.
 - 39 Mega-Phone have been procured for the Malaria Technical Supervisors (MTS) for dissemination of key malaria messages to the community.
 - 10,137 Information Education and Communication (IEC) board carrying key malaria messages have been installed in schools.
 - Posters and Pamphlets were distributed carrying key malaria messages.
 - Faith based organization are utilized to disseminate malaria messages.

- Behaviour Change Communication and community mobilization is conducted at state, district and local level.

(c) The numbers of deaths due to malaria recorded under different age groups in North Eastern Region/State/UT wise for the year of 2020 and the current year 2021 are as follows.

S. No.	States	2020				2021 *			
		< 5 Years	5-15 Years	>15 Years	Total	<5 Years	5-15 Years	> 15 Years	Total
1	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Assam	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
3	Manipur	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
4	Meghalaya	0	3	1	4	1	1	1	3
5	Mizoram	1	1	4	6	1	2	7	10
6	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Tripura	1	1	0	2	1	3	0	4
Total		2	6	8	16	3	6	8	17

***2021 data is provisional**