

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *414
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH MARCH, 2025**

DATA ON DEATHS DUE TO DISEASES

***414. DR. THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOLKAPPIYAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has data on the number of cases and related deaths due to Dengue, Zika virus, Chikungunya and Yellow Fever in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the Project Wolbachia to control diseases like Dengue, Zika Fever, Chikungunya and Yellow Fever, etc., if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has any project in hand or has any plan to implement Project Wolbachia and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.
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(a) & (b) The reported number of cases and deaths due to Dengue, Chikungunya and Zika virus in the country during 2024 are as under:

Number of cases and deaths due to Dengue, Chikungunya and Zika virus in the country during 2024					
Dengue		Chikungunya		Zika	
Cases	Death	Cases	Death	Cases	Death
2,33,400	236	2,31,167	0	83	0

Source :- National Centre for Vector Borne Disease Control (NCVBDC) and Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP).

No case or death due to Yellow fever has been reported so far.

(c) & (d) Wolbachia is considered to be an alternate method to control Dengue and Chikungunya. The Indian Council of Medical Research- Vector Control Research Centre (ICMR-VCRC) maintains Wolbachia transfected Aedes aegypti mosquito. It has carried out laboratory studies on fitness characteristics on these Wolbachia transfected Aedes aegypti. As reported by ICMR, no project has been undertaken for field release of Wolbachia.
