

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 899
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2025

CASES OF FILARIAL HYDROCELE

899: SHRI MAHESH KASHYAP :

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

- (a) the number of patients suffering from filarial hydrocele infection in Baster Lok Sabha Constituency during the last year; and
- (b) the reasons for spreading of the said disease along with the measures being taken by the Government to prevent it ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) and (b) As per the report submitted by the States/UTs to the National Center for Vector Borne Diseases Control (NCVBDC) of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, 28 patients were suffering from filarial hydrocele in Baster in 2023. Bastar is a newly mapped district under Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) program and has started with annual Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign from year 2024. It achieved MDA coverage of 92% against the estimated eligible population.

The Government of India has adopted the following 5-point strategy to prevent and treat the LF cases which are being implemented in all the LF endemic districts in the country including Baster:

- (1) Mission Mode annual MDA.
- (2) Morbidity management and disability prevention with focus on early diagnosis and treatment.
- (3) Integrated vector control with multi sectoral coordinated efforts.
- (4) High level advocacy with line ministries/departments and
- (5) Leveraging existing digital platforms for LF and explore alternate diagnostics.
