

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
FREE MEDICINES IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS .

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

- (a) whether free medicines stock for treating diseases like malaria, dengue, swine flu, leprosy etc. is available in Government hospitals/dispensaries of rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details of such medicines issued to the patients during last three years;
- (c) the details of number of patients examined for malaria, swine flu and other diseases in Maharashtra, district-wise; and
- (d) the number of patients who died due to swine flu in Maharashtra during last two years, district-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a)&(b) Yes. Adequate stock of medicines for treatment of diseases like malaria, swine flu, leprosy etc. is available in Government health facilities in urban and rural areas. Medicines for different diseases are dispensed to patients by the health providers in accordance with approved protocols. Medicines for the treatment of malaria and swine flu are given for a short duration (few days) whereas the drugs for leprosy are given for a period of six to twelve months depending on the type of leprosy. There are no drugs for treatment of dengue and the treatment is only symptomatic.

(c) The number of patients examined for malaria during 2008 to September 2010 in Maharashtra, district-wise, is given in Annexure-1. The number of patients diagnosed to be suffering from leprosy from 2007-08 to 2009-10 in Maharashtra, district-wise, is given in Annexure-2. The total number of patients screened for Influenza A H1N1 from May, 2009 to 3.11.2010 in Maharashtra, district-wise, is given in Annexure-3.

(d) The total number of reported deaths due to swine flu during last two years in Maharashtra, district-wise, is given in Annexure-4.