

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**DENGUE AND MALARIA CASES IN NE STATES .**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that dengue and malaria cases are rising and several deaths have been reported till now in Assam and other North Eastern (NE) States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government had introduced any special measures/program for controlling this menace; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) & (b) During 2010 (till 31st October), 14 dengue cases and 1 death due to dengue have been reported from Assam for the first time and 5 dengue cases and no death have been reported from Manipur. No case of dengue has been reported from the rest of North Eastern States.

Reported number of malaria cases and deaths in the North Eastern States have declined during 2010 (upto September) as compared to the corresponding period of 2009. Comparative status of malaria cases and deaths, state-wise, reported in North-Eastern States during 2010 (upto September) and the corresponding period of 2009 is annexed.

(c) & (d) For prevention, treatment and control of vector-borne diseases including malaria and dengue, Government of India is implementing an integrated National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) under the overarching umbrella of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). The main strategy for prevention and control of vector-borne diseases advocates for integrated vector control, early case detection and complete treatment, and behavior change communication. Government of India provides technical support and also supplements the efforts of States/UTs by providing funds and commodities as per their project implementation plans under NRHM. However, the programme is primarily being implemented through the State/UT Governments.

Keeping in view the severity of malaria in NE States, under NVBDCP, North-Eastern States are provided 100% Central assistance for control of malaria. Further, all districts of seven NE States are being supported through external aid from Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) with provision of additional inputs e.g. use of Rapid Diagnostic Tests (RDTs) for quick diagnosis of Pf malaria cases, Artesunate based Combination Therapy (ACT) to treat all Pf malaria cases, up-scaling of use of long lasting insecticidal nets (LLIN) for effective vector control, additional technical manpower along with mobility support for enhancing monitoring and supervision of programme implementation and support for capacity building and community mobilization activities.