

Media Release

Most Kala-azar Deaths in 2010 Reported from Jharkhand, Bihar & West Bengal

GoI Supports Kala-azar Elimination Efforts

Health Min Informs MP Nathwani in RS

August 10, 2010: In the year 2010, out of total 105 Kala-azar deaths, 104 deaths were reported from the States of Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal. Mr. Sudip Bandyopadhyay, the union minister of state for health and family welfare informed rajya sabha yesterday in reply to a question from Mr. Parimal Nathwani.

The minister stated that Kala-azar elimination program was implemented under the over-arching umbrella of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). The Government of India was supporting all the facilities to eliminate Kala-azar, he added.

Furthe, the minister also informed that against the target of Kala-azar elimination (i.e. less than 10 new cases per one lakh population) in all Kala-azar endemic 514 Block PHCs, 319 Block PHCs reported less than 10 new Kala-azar cases per one lakh population at the end of the first three years of 11th Five Year Plan.

The Government of India was supporting States and Union Territories including Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal in strengthening and revitalizing their primary healthcare infrastructure by providing them need-based financial and technical support; the minister said and added that besides, technical, logistic and manpower support was also provided to the three States of Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal specifically for Kala-azar elimination activities.
