**65,910 arsenic patients in Bangladesh**

Health Minister Zahid Maleque on Sunday said at present, there are 65,910 arsenic patients in the country.

"We have been able to reduce the number of arsenic patients as the government has implemented various initiatives including safe drinking water," he said in reply to a question of lawmaker Mamunur Rashid
in the question-answer session in Parliament.

The health minister said the government has ensured adequate healthcare facilities for arsenic patients at public hospitals across the country.

In reply to a question of lawmaker Habibe Millat, he said modern testing facilities at the hospitals have been set up to measure vitamin-D level of the people.