GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

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INTEGRATED DISEASE SURVEILLANCE PROJECT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives of the Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP) being implemented across the country;
- (b) the assistance provided to the State Governments under the project and the details of the achievements and major findings of the IDSP:
- (c) whether any communicable diseases have been detected among the workers in the rubber plantations in Kerala under the project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken thereon;
- (e) whether the Government is considering to discontinue the IDSP;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the proposals received from the State Governments including the State Government of Madhya Pradesh in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

- (a): The objectives of the Integrated Diseases Surveillance Project (IDSP) are: early detection and response to epidemic prone diseases in the country.
- (b) Under Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP), financial and technical assistance is provided to State Governments for implementation of disease surveillance activities.

The achievements and major findings under IDSP include the following:

- # IDSP has established State Surveillance Units and District Surveillance Units in all the states and District headquarters.
- # Rapid Response Teams (RRT) for investigation of outbreaks and response thereto have been formed in all district and state headquarters.
- # Nation-wide IT network has been established for monitoring disease surveillance activities
- # 24X7 call centre (toll free no. 1075) has been established for reporting unusual health events by the community.
- # Over 82% districts are electronically generating weekly surveillance reports, for early warning signals and effective timely response to disease outbreaks.
- #799 disease outbreaks have been reported during 2009.
- (c) & (d): Yes. Dengue cases have been detected in the rubber plantation workers in the districts of Pathanamthitta and Kottayam in Kerala. Viral Hepatitis cases have been detected in the Kottayam district in Kerala. The corrective steps taken to control the diseases include vector survey, organization of special medical camps, fogging and spraying, release of guppy fish in the plantation wells, netting of open wells of plantation areas, conduct of health education classes and collection and examination of blood and water samples.
- (e): No.
- (f): Does not arise.
- (g): No specific proposal has been received from the State Governments including the State Government of Madhya Pradesh in this regard.