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CASES OF DENGUE

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

- (a) whether new cases of Dengue have been reported in various parts of the country during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last six months till date, State-wise; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to control the spread of this disease?

Answer

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

(a) Yes.

(b) Month-wise and State-wise details of Dengue cases reported in the country during the last six months are given in Annexure.

(c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has been implementing an integrated National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme covering six vector-borne diseases, including Dengue. The implementation of the Programme rests with the State/UT Governments.

The main components of the strategy for prevention, control and treatment of Dengue are:

Early case reporting

Case management

Behaviour change communication

Integrated vector management (particularly source reduction)

For strengthening monitoring & surveillance, 170 Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals and 13 Apex Referral Laboratories have been identified to augment the diagnosis facility for Dengue in endemic States/UTs.

Dengue testing kits (IgM MAC Elisa kits made by National Institute of Virology, Pune) are being supplied to these Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals and Apex Referral Labs as per technical requirements of the States /UTs free of cost.

Advisories are also issued to the States/UTs regularly.

As there is neither any vaccine nor drug against Dengue virus infection, cases are managed symptomatically. Guidelines for Clinical Management of Dengue have been developed and sent to the States for wider circulation among the hospitals. Training has been imparted to the medical officers to enhance their skills in management of cases.

Awareness generation messages for prevention and control of Dengue are disseminated through electronic and print media. States/UTs have also been advised for social mobilization of the community through local media. Trainings/workshops are regularly organized to sensitize State Health officials. The Dengue situation is regularly reviewed by Government of India through meetings and field visits.