

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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DENGUE CASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of dengue in the areas under the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) are increasing every year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check the spread of Dengue in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a)&(b) There is no increasing or decreasing trend of number of cases of Dengue in the past few years in Municipal Corporation of Delhi and New Delhi Municipal Council areas. These areas are endemic for dengue and the year-wise number of cases reported from 2005 till July 11, 2009 are as follows:

Year	Cases
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2005	1023
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2006	3366
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2007	548
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2008	1312
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2009 (upto 11th July)	1
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(c) There is no medicine / vaccine for the prevention of Dengue. Dengue control depends on control of breeding of *Aedes aegypti*, the vector, in man-made containers in domestic environment. The following steps have been taken by the Government for containment of Dengue:

1. Anti-larval measures through conventional larvicides.
2. Space spray as emergency response to control infective disease vectors and their rapid reduction in indoor and around human dwelling.
3. Administrative measures e.g. issuing of challans and imposition of fine by Municipal Corporation of Delhi and New Delhi Municipal Council for negligence leading to vector breeding in offices, shops and homes.
4. A ward level health & sanitation committee has been constituted to ensure better coordination and support for control of vector borne diseases in National Capital Territory of Delhi in addition to zonal level coordination committees.
5. Minor engineering methods like source reduction, canalization de-weeding etc.
6. Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns for community awareness and their involvement.
7. Early Detection and prompt treatment of cases.