

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF GM MOSQUITO
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is developing Genetically Modified (GM) mosquito to fight vector-borne diseases;
- (b) if so, the present status of the project;
- (c) whether any assistance for the purpose has been sought from the World Health Organization (WHO);
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the GM mosquito could be deployed to tackle the diseases like chikungunya and dengue?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a) No.
- (b) to (e) Do not arise.