

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5662
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH JULY, 2019**

CONTROL OF DENGUE IN DELHI

5662. SHRI GAUTAM GAMBHIR:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that as per the observation of NGT not even a single colony of Delhi is clean and there is no adequate arrangement for drainage of water and removal of garbage which acts as a breeding ground for mosquitoes;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any effective scheme to rein in the spread of Dengue and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(c): The Directorate of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) is the nodal agency under Government of India (GoI) for prevention and control of six Vector Borne Diseases (VBDs), including Dengue in the country. The strategies recommended by NVBDCP are being implemented by the States. GoI has taken the following steps for prevention and control of Dengue in the country (including Delhi):-

- GOI provide Technical Guidelines for prevention and control, case management and effective community participation to the States for implementation.
- Monitoring and supervision for early case detection, prevention and control.
- Advisories are issued to sensitize the States
- Conduct trainings for capacity building of doctors on case management.
- Free diagnostic facilities through Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals (SSHs) and Apex Referral laboratories (ARLs) identified across the country. Till date, 673 SSHs and 16 ARLs identified across the country out of which 35 SSHs and 2 ARLs are identified in Delhi. Test kits are supplied by GOI to States /Union Territories (UTs) free of cost.

- Observation of National Dengue Day on 16th May across the country
- Information Education and Communication (IEC)/ Behaviour Communication Changes (BCC) activities to disseminate knowledge for prevention and control.

Recently the Union Health and Family Welfare Minister has reviewed the status and preparedness for prevention and control of Dengue in Delhi on 4th July,2019 with Health Minister and Senior Health Officials of Government of National Capital Territory(GNCT) Delhi, Mayors of all three Municipal Corporations, New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) and the Central Government. Thereafter, the GoI jointly with State Government and Municipalities conducted a mega public awareness campaign in all areas of Delhi to sensitize the community on prevention and control of Vector Borne Diseases (VBDs) with special focus on Dengue under the leadership of Union Health and Family Welfare Minister from 17th to 19th July, 2019, by constituting 286 teams at Ward level.