

3. To initiate studies documenting prescriptions patterns & establish a Monitoring system for the same.
4. To enforce and enhance regulatory provisions for use of antibiotics in human & veterinary and industrial use.
5. To recommend specific intervention measures such as rational use of antibiotics and antibiotic policies in hospitals
6. Diagnostic Methods pertaining to antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring

Government has decided to initiate steps for the containment of antimicrobial resistance in the country through 30 lab networks and awareness activity for rational use of antibiotics.

The aforesaid Task Force had also recommended insertion of a separate schedule under the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules to regulate the sale of antibiotics, especially 3rd and 4th generation antibiotics in the country. In pursuance of that recommendation, the Government issued a draft notification GSR 228 (E) dated 20-03-2012 for inviting comments from the public proposing to insert a new Schedule in the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945 containing habit forming drugs and certain Anti-TB drugs along with antibiotics. The container of the drugs covered under new Schedule will be labelled with a symbol 'Rx' which shall be in red colour and conspicuously displayed on the left corner of the label with the warning - It is dangerous to take this prescription except in accordance with medical advice and not to be sold by retail without the prescription of the Registered Medical Practitioner.

Dengue cases in Delhi-NCR

1945. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people affected by dengue, over the last one year in Delhi and NCR, month-wise;
- (b) whether Government is aware that Delhi is a major centre from which dengue has spread to other parts of the country; and
- (c) if so, what measures have been taken/ proposed to be taken to prevent such spread of the disease?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (d) A total of 2645 cases of people affected by dengue have been reported during 2012 in Delhi and NCR region.

The month-wise details of the number of people affected by dengue in Delhi and NCR region during 2012 is given in Statement (*See below*).

(b) and (c) No. The Government of India has taken the following measures for prevention and control of Dengue in the country including Delhi and NCR:

*** Guidelines**

- Developed a Long Term Action Plan in January, 2007 and sent to the States for implementation.
- In view of upsurge and geographical spread of dengue to newer areas, a Mid Term Plan has been developed for prevention and control of Dengue and approved by the Committee of Secretaries on 26th May, 2011. The plan has been sent to the states for implementation.
- National guidelines for clinical management of cases have been sent to the states for circulation in all hospitals.

The dengue situation in the country is monitored and reviewed with States/UTs.

- Advisories are issued from time to time to State Governments.
- Field visits are carried out by technical experts from NVBDCP to assess the preparedness at the field level and to provide technical guidance to the States.
- Training is imparted to clinicians on case management as per GOI guidelines and to other health care functionaries on programme activities.
- For augmenting diagnostic facilities number of Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals (SSHs) with laboratory support has been increased to 347 across the country from 110 and linked with 14 Apex Referral laboratories with advanced diagnostic facilities for back up support for Dengue across the country.
- ELISA based IgM test kits are provided to SSHs through National Institute of Virology, Pune free of cost. During current year (till

22.07.13), a total of 1097 dengue diagnostic kits (1 Kit= 96 tests) have been provided by Centre to SSHs.

- Introduced ELISA based NS1 test for early detection of cases from 1st day of disease as distinct to IgM test which can detect the Dengue case after five days of disease.
- Funds are provided to the States for prevention and control of vector borne diseases including Dengue and Chikungunya to implement the public health activities.

Statement

Month-wise Dengue cases reported in Delhi and NCR region during 2012

Month	Delhi Cases	Haryana			Uttar Pradesh	
		Gurgaon Cases	Faridabad Cases	Sonipat Cases	GB. Nagar Cases	Ghaziabad Cases
January	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	1	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	2	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	3	1	0	0	0	0
July	4	0	0	0	0	0
August	4	2	0	0	0	0
September	55	63	0	0	2	0
October	951	332	33	0	8	4
November	1005	70	10	0	4	7
December	69	0	0	15	0	0
TOTAL	2093	469	43	15	14	11