

(Gurgaon, Faridabad, Sonapat) in National Capital Region (NCR) have reported 890 dengue cases this year (till 30th November).

(c) Bioflash is a larvicide manufactured by an Iranian firm used as biological control agent against mosquito larvae.

(d) For use of larvicide etc. under national programme registration under Central Insecticide Board (CIB) is mandatory and Bioflash is presently not registered in India.

However, under the programme, Temephos, *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti) (like Bioflash), and Larvivorous fishes are used against mosquito larvae.

#### **Launch of NUHM**

1322. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Cabinet has approved the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) *w.e.f.* 1st May, 2013;

(b) whether NUHM will provide health services to rickshaw pullers, street vendors, railways and bus coolies; homeless people and construction site workers under the new scheme;

(c) whether it will be launched in all State Capital and district headquarters in the country; and

(d) if so, in how many States and district headquarters it has been launched so far and by when it is to be launched in the entire urban landscape of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Yes.

(d) The National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) has been approved as a sub-mission of the National Health Mission (NHM). The States and UTs were requested to prioritize cities and towns for roll out of NUHM during the current year. Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) have been received from 31 States/UTs so far. All eligible cities and towns are proposed to be covered under NUHM in a phased manner, depending upon the availability of funds.