

Task force for complete eradication of Dengue and Chikungunya

†*150. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any concrete measures for the complete eradication of Dengue mosquitoes that attack people every year on a regular basis; and

(b) whether Government proposes to set up or has already set up a task force to deal with diseases like Dengue and Chikungunya that turn into epidemics and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) Government of India has taken several measures for the control of Dengue mosquitoes which are as under:-

- Government of India provided Technical Guidelines to the States for prevention and control including vector control in respect of Dengue and also uploaded these guidelines on National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) website www.nvbdc.gov.in.
- Focused IEC/BCC activities carried out at National and State level with media mix strategies focusing on source reduction and personal protective measures.
 - A user friendly Dengue App "India Fights Dengue" has been launched on 7th April, 2016.
 - 'National Dengue Day' has been observed on 16th May 2016 throughout the country.
- 'Strategy and Plan of action for Effective Community Participation for Prevention and Control of Dengue' has been shared with the States/UTs uploaded on the NVBDCP website.
- Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) are also involved in source reduction activities (emptying containers to prevent breeding of vector mosquitoes) for Dengue prevention and control.
- Provided funds to the States/UTs for prevention and control of Vector Borne Diseases including Dengue to implement the public health measures.

(b) Yes, Government of India has constituted a Committee to review the Dengue

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Action Plan/Contingency Plan and the activities undertaken for prevention and control of Dengue and Chikungunya under the chairmanship of Special Director General of Health Services with representation of National Centre for Disease Control, Delhi; National Institute of Malaria Research, Delhi; Indian Council for Medical Research, New Delhi; Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital, New Delhi; CPWD, New Delhi; World Health Organization Representative of India, Delhi; Indian Medical Association, New Delhi; Director Health Services of the States of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Maharashtra, Kerala and Tamil Nadu; South Delhi Municipal Corporation; New Delhi Municipal Council and National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme. The Committee undertook reviews on 5th July, 9th & 14th September, 2016 and decisions taken have been implemented to contain the problem of Dengue and Chikungunya.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

AYUSH medicines for treating blood pressure and diabetes

†1441. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has provided any Ayurvedic medicines through the Ministry of AYUSH after completing a scientific research for the increasing number of patients suffering from blood pressure and sugar related diseases in the country, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government is planning to promote the Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy and Homoeopathy to protect the citizens of the country from the side-effects of the allopathic medicines, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes. The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) has developed an anti-diabetic drug AYUSH-82. License has been granted to eight firms through National Development Research Development Corporation (NRDC) for commercialization.

(b) Yes. CCRAS has developed a coded formulation AYUSH-QOL-2C to minimize side effects of Chemo and radiotherapy to improve quality of life in cancer patients.

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