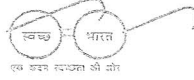




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Dear Shri Oommen Chandy ji,

I would like to draw your kind attention to the vector borne diseases, like Dengue, Malaria, Chikungunya and Japanese Encephalitis, which are prevalent in many areas of the country due to ecological and manmade factors. These diseases have the potential to assume outbreak proportions during the monsoon and post-monsoon period. The incidence of these diseases can be reduced, if timely and appropriate prevention and control measures are put in place by the State Governments and Local Authorities. Hence, preventive action needs to be taken before the onset of monsoon.

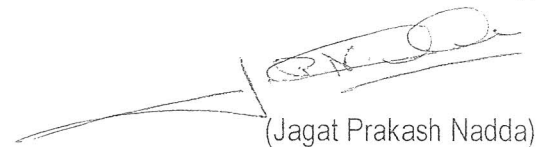
2. For dengue, as no vaccine is available as on date, prevention of breeding of vector mosquitoes by source reduction is very essential for reducing the disease transmission. Public awareness should be increased through Information, Education and Communication / Behavioural Change Communication activities to foster community participation and commitment for vector control measures. Inter-sectoral coordination, especially among different Government Departments, is very essential. Secretary (Health & Family Welfare), Government of India, is also writing to all the Chief Secretaries requesting them to take all measures against vector borne diseases.

3. Considering the multi-sectoral character of interventions and critical role to be played by non-health sectors, I request that a meeting be held at your level with all concerned State Departments to reiterate and implement the action plan based on national guidelines already circulated by us. Ministers-in-charge of Urban Development, Industries, Education, Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, Mayors of Municipal Corporations and Chairmen of Zilla Parishads could be among the invitees. The Minister-in-charge of Health Department may be entrusted with the coordinating role. Linking the activities for elimination of potential mosquito breeding sources with *Swatch Bharat Abhiyan* of various Ministries/Departments in a synergistic way can also be a promising intervention in preventing Dengue.

4. I trust that your kind intervention will help the State to enhance preparedness for preventing and controlling vector borne diseases in 2015.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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