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Dear Secretary,

In recent years, number of Dengue cases has been on rise as per the reports received from States/UTs of the country. During 2016, more than one lakh cases of dengue were reported in the country, the highest ever. In absence of any specific drug for treatment of dengue or vaccine for prevention, dengue control exclusively depends on vector control to minimize the risk of transmission.

Dengue should not be seen merely as a stand-alone public health concern. For its control, departments like Urban Development, Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, School Education, Drinking Water & Sanitation, Municipal Corporations and Urban Local Bodies responsible for preventing mosquitogenic conditions, need to be involved. Coordination is needed to save avoidable burden on health facilities for clinical management. The corporate sector can also play a crucial role in their respective localities under Corporate Social Responsibility.

Since incidence of dengue normally increases with the onset of monsoon, preparatory preventive activities are required to be initiated well before the onset of monsoon. In this endeavor, we had observed 16th May 2016 as first National Dengue Day (NDD), which is to be observed every year. On NDD, advocacy meetings may be organized to bring together various stakeholders for ensuring effective community participation for prevention and control of Dengue. A mobile App 'India Fights Dengue' has been developed. This should be popularised for community use.

I request you to kindly take necessary steps to observe NDD in all Districts, Municipalities, Blocks, Villages involving review with all stakeholders as a part of preparatory activity at the State level. Action Plan may be developed to effectively address the issue. The nodal officer may be instructed to share a copy of the Action Plan with timelines with us.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

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