Dear Dr. (DHS)

Wish you a very Happy & Vector Borne Disease (VBD) contained and free year 2014. We would have to work very closely for the same.

I am writing this letter in the first month of the year to emphasize on the dictum that prevention is better than cure and for the same month-wise activities depending on eco-epidemiological analysis of VBD data of previous years need to be prepared harnessing multi-sectoral approach with inter-sectoral coordination for prevention and control of following diseases:

(i) Dengue amongst all VBDs is fastest emerging infection because of various man-made and environmental factors. Last year, we observed circulation of DEN-2 virus in some of the States and this year we need to prevent its further spread.
(ii) Lymphatic Filariasis and Kala-Azar Elimination need special attention as both the diseases are targeted for elimination by 2015.
(iii) Micro stratification and improved reporting of malaria with the objective to have a focused approach for malaria control and elimination should be the priority for the year.
(iv) We should reap the benefit from GoM recommended and Cabinet approved National Programme for Prevention and Control of JE/AES during the year.

I am also happy to inform that the topic for the World Health Day 2014 (7th April) is Vector Borne Diseases (VBDs): small creatures, big threat. Detailed information is available on www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2014/event/en/index.html. In this regard, a suitable action plan for creating awareness for better protection from VBD during the year may please be prepared under intimation to this Directorate.

I am requesting nodal officers from NVBDCP and Regional Directors of Health & Family Welfare, GoI to be in touch with State Programme Officer (VBD) to assist the State in achieving the objective of prevention, control and elimination of VBD in the larger national interest.

With regards

Yours Sincerely

(Dr AC Dhariwal)

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