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Subject: Prevention and control of Dengue, Malaria and other Vector Borne Diseases in the urban areas of Punjab

Reference subject above this is to inform you that state of Punjab witnessed an upsurge in cases of Dengue in 2018. A rise in the cases of dengue, Malaria and chikungunya is highly expected in the coming season also as per epidemiological trends. As majority of cases of Dengue, Malaria and Chikungunya are reported from the urban areas of state, the following activities need to be under taken by Department of Local Government:

- All municipal corporations and committees should immediately start preventive activities
  for Vector Borne diseases as breeding of mosquitoes has been reported from many
  districts in Punjab.
- 2. Every Friday is to be observed as "Dry Day" in the concerned locality and Govt./Private offices/Institutes. All water containers, coolers, refrigerator trays, flower Pots, tyres should be emptied and cleaned once in a week (Friday) for prevention of further breeding of mosquitoes.
- 3. Recommended Insecticides should be procured by the Municipal Corporatons before transmission season.
- 4. Instructions should be issued to all Municipal Corporatons to procure spray pumps and fogging machines for the season at the earliest.
- 5. The area which is to be sprayed/fogged by Local Govt. can be identified in consultation/collaboration with Department of Health at local level.
- 6. In case breeding of Aedes Mosquito is found in an area, municipal corporations/municipal committees should issue challan under appropriate section against the house

owner/establishment/office or Institutes. Instruct all Municipal Corporatons to share the report with department of Health.

- 7. Capacity building of concerned staff must be done at the earliest and if required health department can be consulted for the same.
- 8. To create awareness amongst general public mobile app named "Dengue Free Punjab" can be downloaded from www.mgov.gov.in.

I am hopeful that a positive cooperation from your side will go a long way in preventing vector borne diseases in the State of Punjab. We shall be obliged if an action taken report regarding the same is shared with Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab.

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Yours sincerely

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