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Subject:-

Prevention and Control of Dengue, malaria and Vector Borne Diseases in the rural areas of Punjab.

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Reference subject mentioned above this is to inform you that state of Punjab has witnessed an upsurge in cases of Malaria and Dengue in 2018. Malaria is mainly reported from the rural areas of the state. (281 villages have reported malaria cases in 2018). The list of villages is attached for your reference and necessary action. In recent years cases of dengue have shown a shift to rural areas which is an area of concern. To prevent the Vector Borne Diseases in rural areas of the State the following activities need to be undertaken at the earliest:

- 1. All village Panchyats should be instructed to start the preventive activities regarding vector borne diseases at the earliest.
- 2. Sarpanchs in collaboration with health staff and ASHAs should ensure cleaning of all the water containers once in a week so that breeding of mosquitoes can be prevented.
- 3. In collaboration with local health department, gambusia fishes should be introduced in the ponds already indentified for prevention of breeding of mosquitoes.
- 4. Block Development and Panchyat officers along with Panchyat Secretary must ensure spraying of larvicides (in places where water collection is there) in collaboration with Senior Medical Officer of concerned area. They should also ensure to provide manpower for the spraying of larvicides/insecticides in the affected villages.

5. Under the Swachh Bharat Mission and with the help of Village Health and Sanitation Committees, empty digs must be filled with soil and it should be ensured that there is no water collection to avoid mosquito breeding.

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, les the regard Punjab.

Yours sincerely

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