GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3636 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH MARCH, 2018

STRATEGIC PLAN TO TACKLE DENGUE AND CHIKUNGUNYA

3636. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a rise in the number of dengue and chikungunya cases in the country in the last three years;
- (b) if so, whether Government has introduced any strategic plan to tackle such a rise; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a): Yes. The number of dengue and clinically suspected chikungunya cases reported in the country during the last three years are as under:

Year	Dengue	Chikungunya
2015	99913	27553
2016	129166	64057
2017	157996	63679

- (b) & (c): Prevention and control of Dengue and Chikungunya is one of the components of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP). The strategies introduced under the programme are:
 - Surveillance: Disease and Entomological Surveillance
 - Case management: Laboratory diagnosis and Clinical management
 - Vector management: Environmental management for Source Reduction, Chemical control, Personal protection and Legislation
 - Outbreak response: Epidemic preparedness and Media management

- Capacity building: Training, Infrastructure development and Operational research
- Behaviour Change Communication: Social mobilization and Information Education and Communication (IEC)
- Inter-sectoral coordination: Health and non health sector
- Monitoring and Supervision: Review, field visit, feedback and Analysis of reports
- A network of 618 Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals supported by 16 Apex Referral Laboratories have been established where dengue kits are provided free of cost.
- Advisories are issued to the States for sensitization from time to time.
- Training is given on dengue and chikungunya case management.
- Financial and technical assistance are provided to the States.