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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2648  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.08.2025**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF NVBDCP IN NORTHEAST STATES**

**2648: SMT. S. PHANGNON KONYAK :**

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

- (a) the manner in which the Ministry is combating vector-borne diseases in Nagaland, what is the impact of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) in Northeast States;
- (b) whether the Ministry is considering the inclusion of a State-wide vaccination protocol to address the growing public health concern;
- (c) if so, the steps being taken to ensure timely implementation and coverage in the most effected regions; and
- (d) the measures taken to address antimicrobial resistance in Northeast States, and the details of surveillance systems active in hospitals of Nagaland?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) The National Center for Vector Borne Diseases Control (NCVBDC) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare administers an umbrella programme, namely, National Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme (NVBDCP) for prevention and control of vector borne diseases namely Malaria, Japanese Encephalitis, Dengue, Chikungunya, Kala-azar and Lymphatic Filariasis in the country including North-eastern States.

General Strategies for prevention & control of vector-borne diseases in the country including Northeast States are as below:

- Early diagnosis and complete treatment (No specific drugs are available for Dengue, Chikungunya and JE)
- Integrated Vector Management (IRS, LLIN, larvivorous fish, chemical & biolarvicides, source reduction)
- Supportive interventions (Vaccination available only for JE)
- Annual Mass Drug Administration (MDA) for LF
- Behavior change communication (BCC) initiatives.

NCVBDC also provides financial support and technical assistance to all State/UTs including Nagaland, under the umbrella of the National Health Mission (NHM). This support is executed

through the annual Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) approved for each state. Nagaland is a project state under the Global Fund supported Intensified Malaria Elimination Project-3 (IMEP-3).

(b) & (c) 8 districts (Dimapur, Kohima, Mokokchung, Zunheboto, Wokha, Tuensang, Longleng and Noklak) of Nagaland are endemic for Japanese Encephalitis (JE) which are included under Routine Immunization(RI). All districts are under continuous surveillance. Civil Hospital, Dimapur has been designated as Sentinel Surveillance Hospital (SSH) for diagnosis of JE through IgM ELISA kits which are provided by Government of India at free of cost.

(d) National Programme on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Containment is a Central Sector Scheme under National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) umbrella scheme, under which medical college labs are being strengthened in a phased manner for AMR surveillance and containment activities. Following activities are being undertaken for AMR containment :

- The network labs carry out various activities for AMR containment including generating quality AMR surveillance data for pathogens of public health importance.
- Trainings to lab personnels to ensure quality AMR lab testing.
- Labs are participating in quarterly External Quality Assessment Scheme (EQAS) conducted by AMR-National Reference Lab (AMR-NRL) at National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC).
- The sites are also being strengthened for surveillance of antimicrobial use and surveillance of healthcare associated infections.

Currently, 8 Medical College in North East states have been included in the network under AMR programme. The labs were supported with funds for recruiting manpower, equipment purchase, lab consumables and local trainings. In the state of Nagaland, one AMR network site namely- Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences & Research (NIMSR), Kohima, Nagaland has been included under the programme during FY-2025-26.

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