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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2926 TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND DECEMBER, 2016

HARMFUL CHEMICALS

2926. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey on ill effects of chemicals used for pest control and in mosquito repellents, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has undertaken any research on the impact of pest control chemicals on the air quality of Delhi, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to prohibit the excess use of such harmful chemicals such as DDT and chemicals manufactured by companies used for fogging?

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

- (a) & (b): As informed by National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP), Directorate General of Health Services, New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) and Indian Council of Medical Research, neither any survey has been conducted on ill effects of chemicals used for pest control and in mosquito repellants nor any research has been undertaken on the impact of pest control chemicals on the air quality of Delhi.
- (c): As informed by NDMC, DDT is not used for fogging or any other purpose by them. Fogging is used as per the guidelines of NVBDCP. Specific dosages and frequency of larvicide/insecticide are used under public health programme based on the field trial and registration certificate issued by Central Insecticide Board (CIB).