

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5038
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2016**

PRESCRIPTION OF NON-STEROIDAL ANTI- INFLAMMATORY DRUGS

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

- (a) whether the doctors are prescribing non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs to Chikungunya patients;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any side effects of such drugs have come to the notice;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to control vector borne diseases including chikungunya and for the treatment of patients affected from such diseases?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a) to (e): In absence of specific drug for treatment of cases and vaccine for prevention, Chikungunya cases are treated symptomatically. Government of India (GOI) has developed guidelines for clinical management of chikungunya cases, shared these guidelines with the States/UTs and also uploaded on National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) website www.nvbdc.gov.in.

Besides this, the other steps taken by GOI for prevention and control of Vector Borne Diseases (VBD) including chikungunya in the country during 2016 are:

- Periodic reviews are done at the higher level. Since January, 2016, a total of 22 review meetings were held and 3 video-conferences were held.
- Advisories have been issued from time. Since January, 2016, 12 advisories have been issued.
- Chikungunya diagnosis is provided through 542 Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals (SSHs) and 15 Apex Referral laboratories (ARLs) identified across the country.
- Focused IEC/BCC activities are carried out at National and State level.
- Periodic field visits were made by NVBDCP Officials to States/UTs.
- Funds are provided by GOI to the States for prevention and control of vector borne diseases including Chikungunya to implement the public health activities.