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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 967 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST JULY, 2017

EARLY WARNING SYSTEM AGAINST OUTBREAK OF VECTOR BORNE DISEASES

967. ADV. JOICE GEORGE: SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop a forecasting system that will give a 15-day warning on the likelihood of malaria or chikungunya outbreak across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any pilot studies/ operations are done in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether this will provide custom, weather related information to cope with the challenges of global warming and its associated impact of weather in the country and also prediction of vector-borne disease outbreaks and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c): No such forecasting system has been developed by Government that will give a 15 day warnings on the likehood of a Malaria or Chikungunya outbreak across the country. National Institute of Malaria (NIMR) under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is taking initiatives in this regard.

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