

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4946
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.03.2023**

PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST DENGUE OUTBREAK

4946: SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

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

- (a) whether in view of the fact that the vaccine for dengue is still at the initial stage of trial, measures such as fogging of the affected and disease-prone areas and screening measures along with encouraging the citizens' to keep the surroundings clean and dry would prove effective to avert an epidemic;
- (b) if so, the details of initiatives that have been taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether such initiatives have been taken after having proper audit of the number of infected patients and mortality statistics; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (e) The risk of transmission is reduced through vector control by eliminating breeding sources, application of insecticide and fogging. There are 783 Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals with laboratory support across the country for screening and diagnosis of the dengue cases free of cost. There is no dengue vaccine available in the country for public health use.

For awareness generation of the community, Information Education and Communication (IEC) activities are taken up like interpersonal communication, messages on social and electronic media emphasizing on keeping the houses and surroundings mosquito breeding free, Observance of National Dengue Day on 16th May and anti- dengue month in July.

Government of India, monitors the disease situation through the reports submitted by the States/UTs. Technical guidance is provided to the States based on the disease situation.
