

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3280
ANSWERED ON 05.08.2022**

ELIMINATION OF VECTOR BORNE DISEASES

3280: SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to train 100 entomologists across the country to eliminate vector borne diseases;
- (b) if so, the selection procedure of entomologists for the training programme;
- (c) the details of centres selected for the training programme, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether at least one trained entomologist will be appointed in each district of the country to tackle vector borne diseases; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) & (b): The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Department of Health Research, Government of India has taken initiative to build Public Health Entomology capacity across the country by initiating a National Public Health Entomology (NPHE) course at Post-Graduate level (100 Entomologists per year). 50% candidates for the two-year NPHE course are selected through a common entrance test on all India basis through open competition and 50% seats are available for nomination/sponsorship by the Central/State Health Departments from amongst the in-service candidates.

(c) to (e) The main Centre for the two-year Post-Graduate Public Health Entomology (M.Sc. PHE) course from the year 2011 was ICMR-Vector Control Research Centre (VCRC), Puducherry and the same is now extended to the additional four Institutes / Centres of ICMR:

- (i) Regional Medical Research Centre (North-East), Dibrugarh, Assam,
- (ii) Regional Medical Research Centre, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh,
- (iii) National Institute of Research in Tribal Health, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh and
- (iv) Rajendra Memorial Research Institute of Medical Science, Patna, Bihar

Each of these Institutes / Centres proposes to have 20 seats from the next academic year making a total of 100 from the academic year 2023-24.

The entomological manpower in the country is available in the Entomological Zones in the States/UTs.
