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ANSWERED ON
ABNORMAL SURGE IN DENGUE CASES IN DELHI .

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that South Delhi is the worst-affected with large number of dengue cases reported during the last six months;
- (b) if so, how many dengue cases have been reported in South Delhi and other parts of Delhi during the last six months—both in Government and Private Hospitals/nursing homes;
- (c) the reasons for abnormal surge of dengue cases in Delhi; and
- (d) the steps Government proposes to take to ensure that next year dengue is totally eradicated from the National Capital?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a)& (b) No. Out of total 5543 dengue cases reported in NCT of Delhi during last six months, 557 cases were reported from South Delhi. The zone-wise dengue cases reported from government and private hospitals/nursing homes in Delhi during the last six months are annexed.

(c) Dengue infection is endemic in Delhi. The transmission of dengue is greatly influenced by mosquitogenic conditions. Large scale construction activities and extended spell of monsoon and more than average rainfall in Delhi in 2010 contributed to extensive breeding of Aedes Aegypti mosquitoes which resulted in more intense transmission of dengue infection in Delhi as compared to previous years.

(d) The most effective measure for the containment of dengue infection is source reduction i.e. prevention of breeding of mosquitoes and elimination of breeding sites from high risk areas through anti larval measures. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare will keep working with the Delhi Government, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) for implementing these measures more vigorously during next year including comprehensive Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) activities.