Minutes of Meeting

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Chief Secretary, GNCTD on 08.04.2015 at the Delhi Secretariat on review of preparedness & prevention and control of Dengue, a vector borne disease. The meeting was attended by senior officers from various departments of Delhi & Central Government. List of participants is attached herewith. Firstly a quick round of introduction was done after that Dr. Tarun Seem, Secretary, H&FW, GNCTD apprised the Hon’ble Chief Secretary, GNCTD about the current scenario and preparedness of Dengue in Delhi.

Following points were discussed during the meeting:-

1. The Chief Secretary GNCTD emphasized on capacity building of all stake holders involved in dengue related activities. Secretary H&FW, GNCTD informed that MCD organizing the workshop on Dengue Action Plan preparation for the year 2016-17 on 18.04.2015 and Delhi govt is also planning to organize the training at hospitals & district level for Medical & Para Medical Staff.

2. Secretary H&FW, GNCTD also discussed about the role of genetically modified vectors for vector control activities but there is no any epidemiological evidence of its effectiveness as informed by official from NVBDCP.

3. Representative from NVBDCP apprised about the vaccine against dengue that it passed phase-III trial and introduced in Philippines as a school based programme.

4. Secretary H&FW, GNCTD also informed that process of procurement of NS1 Ag kits has been initiated and requirement of MAC ELISA kit was sent to NVBDCP.

5. NVBDCP launched app “India’s Fights Dengue” this year with all the features related to dengue for community.

6. Since plastic containers, buckets, galloons are the favorite sites for mosquitoes to breed from April to July and 89% breeding is found in these containers so it may be targeted for source reduction and during IEC activities these areas must be considered with priority.

7. Community Participation is also very important to prevent dengue. So IEC activities may be designed at various levels or means to aware community regarding dengue prevention. NVBDCP will provide the guideline on effective community participation within couple of days.

8. District Surveillance Committee under the Chairmanship of District Commissioners of all 11 districts must be involved in Dengue related activities.

9. ASHA must be involved for creating mass awareness regarding prevention of dengue and early reporting of probable dengue fever cases.
10. NICD designed cooler is very effective to prevent mosquito breeding. It is emphasized that all Govt. institutions, hospitals, offices may procure NCDC designed cooler.

11. It was also discussed in meeting that water hyacinth in water bodies has no relation with spread of dengue as Aedes mosquitoes breed only in clean water.

12. All blood banks (Govt. & Pvt.) must have adequate amount of logistics & blood components and it must be displayed in public domain at the time of dengue outbreak.

13. The DBC are the main functionaries especially in source reduction and the number of DBC workers may be placed properly in the field in order to desired visit may be done in each house. Moreover breeding checking can be performed on weekly basis as their main work areas to asses indices (HI, CI, BI). Moreover they should educate to the general public regarding the breeding sites of Aedes mosquito like coolers, pots, water storage, overhead tanks, gardens etc. and if breeding is found at any site then breeding control activities should be done by them on the spot only. Awareness should be created by means of health education and IEC material eg. Pamphlets etc. Activities of DBCs must be monitored by supervisors.

14. Representative from IMA informed about the campaign “Dengwar” in which all the Private practitioner are involved to create awareness among patients and community.

15. Representative from NVBDCP also informed that dengue test done by RDT (Rapid Diagnostic kit) and found positive must be considered as probable dengue case and not a confirmed dengue case due to low specificity and sensitivity of RDT kits.

The meeting was ended with vote of thanks

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