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There is a threat of upsurge of malaria, dengue and other vector borne diseases in Goa. The incidence usually increases during and following monsoons. Rain water leads to increase in mosquito breeding habitats and this in turn results in increase transmission of these diseases during this season.

The prevention and control of vector borne diseases like Malaria, Dengue, Chikungunya, Japanese encephalitis is of utmost importance as there is no treatment or cure for these diseases once caused except malaria. Hence its everyone's concern to participate in the programme to prevent/control these diseases. Since June 2013 dengue cases are showing increasing trend which has to be curbed in the initial stages only.

Malaria in Goa is closely associated with constructions and large influx of migrant laborers. Also seen common in industrial employees, beach shack migrants etc. However the vector behavior and breeding habitats keep changing. The Buildings /Houses/Residential complexes in both government and private sectors could be potential breeding sites with overhead tanks, sumps, fountains, vases, discarded items which allow water collection etc. Hence we need to be prepared to ensure that such water collections are not the source for breeding of these vector mosquitoes. And therefore we need to maintain the environmental sanitation and prevent stagnation of water in and around these areas. The vector transmitting Dengue, Chikungunya prefers to breed in small clean water collections and it's a day biter and hence this can be a threat at work place, offices, and especially at schools or colleges where hundreds of student comes together.

Therefore, all the concerned authorities have to ensure that all the premises/areas under their jurisdiction are free from potential breeding sites and take appropriate measures to get rid of such sources of vector breeding. In order to have efficient monitoring, sustainance of the measures taken and to co-ordinate the measures, a Nodal person is to be identified from the same Building/Colony/Office/Housing Society/Schools/Colleges/government Offices/Institutions, etc. under your control. The Nodal person will visit various

sites in the premises at least once a week to identify the breeding sites and to take necessary action accordingly viz. checking of lids of overhead water tanks, water leakages leading to water accumulation, checking for unwanted, discarded containers, etc. He may consult the Health personnel of that area for guidance as situation demands.

This may be done on war footing to avoid any untoward situation during this monsoon season. The action taken report and the compliance on the instructions mentioned in this circular may be furnished to the Director of Health Services.



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Director of Health Services

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