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No. SUDA/HEALTH/353/18/ 422

Dated 5th June 2018

To
The Commissioner
Howrah Municipal Corporation
Howrah.

Dear Sir,

I refer to the discussions held during the conference with selected municipalities/corporations relating to prevention and control of vector borne diseases on 2nd June, 2018. Several issues were raised by the Commissioners/Chairpersons and health officials of different ULBs for making our efforts on vector control more effective. Apart from all the instructions issued from time to time and the guidelines already circulated the following steps are reiterated:

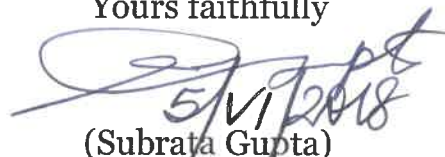
1. Wherever all the House to House (H-to-H) teams and Vector Control teams are yet to be formed, these may be formed forthwith.
2. The teams need to be adequately trained. If training of master trainers is required, you may contact CPHO, SUDA (e-mail: cphosuda@gmail.com) within 11th June 2018.
3. There are gaps reported in conservancy. If needed, efforts should be redoubled to ensure that the breeding sites are cleaned on a regular basis. In case the owner of the property, whether private or Government is not keeping the premises clean, action should be initiated under relevant sections of HMC Act. The extract of the provisions of the Sec.159A, HMC Act. 1980 provide for issuing notice upon the

owner/occupier to clean or maintain such premises to prevent mosquito breeding. If the person fails to comply with the direction, there is a provision for imposition of penalty and also recovery of the cost of cleaning the premises by the municipal body. A copy of the relevant section is enclosed.

4. You are requested to pay closer attention to the micro plan and the State Vector Borne Diseases Control and Seasonal Influenza Plan 2018 available at www.wbhealth.gov.in and the relevant District Vector Borne Diseases Control Seasonal Influenza Plan 2018. Issues relevant to different government departments including Central government departments may be brought to the notice of the relevant officers whose particulars have been provided in the said district plan.
5. In view of discrepancy of data, it is requested that adequate attention be paid to the integrity and quality of the data relating to House to House survey and related vector borne diseases control activities.

Encl. As stated

Yours faithfully



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Copy forwarded to:-

- 1) PS to MIC, UD & MA - with a request to bring it to the notice of Hon'ble Minister.
- 2) Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department - for information and record.


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HMC Act, 1980

Sec. 159A. Prevention of mosquito-breeding.—(1) If, in the opinion of the Mayor-in-Council, any pool, ditch, tank, well, pond, swamp, quarry, hole, drain, cesspool, watercourse, pit, cistern, desert or air-cooler, ground, underground, or overhead tank or any collection of water, or any land on which water may, at any time, accumulate, is or likely to become a breeding place of mosquitoes or, in any other respect, becomes a nuisance, the Mayor-in-Council may by notice require the owner or the person having control thereof to take all or any of the following actions :—

- (a) to clean, or drain off or remove water therefrom, or to provide cover thereto, or
- (b) **to treat the same in such physical, chemical or biological method as may consider suitable in the circumstances, or**
- (c) to fill up unwholesome waterbody :

Provided that any unwholesome waterbody may be filled up only after compliance with the provisions of section 4C of the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955, (West Ben. Act X of 1956), by the owner or the person having control thereof.

(2) No person shall keep, or permitted to be kept or maintained, within any premises or land any collection of stagnant or flowing water which, in the opinion of the Mayor-in-Council, is, or is likely to be, a breeding place for mosquitoes, unless such collection of water is treated in such manner as may effectively prevent the breeding of mosquitoes.

(3) All borrow pits dug in the course of construction and repairs of buildings, roads, or embankments shall be deep and connected with each other in the formation of a drain directed towards the lowest level and properly sloped for discharge into a river, stream, channel, or drain, and no person shall create any isolated borrow pit which, is likely to cause accumulation of water which again, in turn, may breed mosquito.

(4) The owner or occupier of any premises shall not keep therein any bottle, tyre (old or new), vessel, can, container or receptacle in such manner as may allow it to collect, or to retain, water which may breed mosquito, and shall clean and dry such bottle, tyre (old or new), vessel, can, container or receptacle at the interval of seven days.

(5) The owner or occupier of any premises shall wrap the openings of the vent-pipes and the outlets of septic tanks with proper mosquito-proof nets and shall maintain covering slabs of septic tanks to prevent entry and exit of mosquitoes.

(6) The owner or occupier of any premises shall seal the overhead tanks, cisterns or water receptacles to prevent mosquito breeding, and shall provide safe ladder for making the overhead tanks or cisterns or water receptacles approachable in order to facilitate inspection of the water in the container by the municipal authorities.

(7) For construction of permanent water collections such as swimming pools, artificial fountains, or water reservoirs, constructed for the purpose of beautification,—

- (a) an application shall be submitted to the Corporation, stating therein the anti-larval measures, which shall be taken by the applicant to keep the water free of mosquito larvae;
- (b) the Corporation, after considering the application, shall issue a license to the applicant;
- (c) the applicant shall receive the said license on payment of such fee as may be determined by the Corporation, and the license shall be renewed annually.

(8) The owner or the occupier of any private pond or water reservoir shall keep such pond or water reservoir free from water hyacinth or allied weeds to prevent mosquito breeding.

(9) If any person on whom the notice under sub section (1) is served on fails or refuses to take the measures, or adopt the method of treatment, specified in such notice within the time specified therein or contravenes the forgoing provisions under this section, the Municipal Commissioner himself or any officer duly authorized by him may take such measures or adopt such treatment, specified in such notice within the time specified therein, and recover the cost of doing so on the owner or the occupier of the premises, as the case may be, by way of levying special conservancy charges, at such rate as may be determined by the Mayor-in-Council, and shall also be liable to a penalty which shall not be less than rupees one thousand but may extend to rupees one lakh only.