



Government of West Bengal
Department of Urban Development & Municipal Affairs
“Nagarayan”, DF-8, Sector - I, Bidhannagar,
Kolkata- 700064

No. Psecy/UD&MA/2019/195

Dated, the 10th May, 2019

From:
Subrata Gupta
Principal Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal

To
The Mayor/ Chairperson /Administrator

..... Municipal Corporation/Municipality

Sub: Prevention & Management of Vector Borne Diseases in
Urban Local Bodies: Initiatives for the present year.

Dear Chairperson/Mayor,

The Government of West Bengal attaches the highest importance to the control of vector borne diseases. You are aware of the activities for prevention and control of vector borne diseases that need to be taken up this year right from May in a comprehensive manner as guided by Health & Family Welfare Department from time to time. Apart from routine activities already undertaken as in the previous years for VBD control, it has been decided at a high level meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary that the municipal bodies would take the following few more steps with a view to further strengthen VBD control and management mechanism in the areas in your jurisdiction:

1. Wherever Vector Control Team and House to House Team are yet to be formed, these may be formed forthwith. Involvement of HHWs, SHG members and MAS in H2H team should be prioritised.
2. The vector control team members need to be adequately trained. SUDA has completed training of ULB level Master Trainers. You need to ensure that the MTs complete training of VCT within May, 2019.

3. Citizens' Task Force (CTF) may be formed at ward level to facilitate house to house vector control activities and ensure community involvement and solution of local challenges. CTF may include local councillors, stakeholders, respectable persons, members of clubs and other community organizations.
4. It has already been decided to form a Municipal Task Force for solid waste management (MTF – SWM) under your leadership. This Task Force should also oversee the VBD management initiatives as this involves conservancy activities.
5. Special emphasis should be given to regular cleanliness drive/conservancy work in urban slums, factories and mills, construction sites, unused premises *etc.* In case owner of the property, whether private or government, does not keep the premises clean, action should be initiated under the following sections of the concerned Act as enumerated below:
 - a. Section 159A, HMC Act, 1980 – for Howrah Municipal Corporation
 - b. Section 496A, KMC Act, 1980 – for Kolkata Municipal Corporation
 - c. Section 243, West Bengal Municipal Corporation Act, 2006 – for all other Municipal Corporations
 - d. Section 333, West Bengal Municipal Act , 1993 – for all Municipalities.
6. Potholes/ditches/low lying areas *etc.* where water may accumulate should be repaired or drained.
7. Construction of household/community/public toilets should be completed to ensure general cleanliness in the locality.
8. Open vats should be removed on urgent basis. Scientific disposal of solid waste should be taken care of.
9. Schemes for piped water supply may be proposed in consultation with MED or KMDA.
10. Cleaning of water bodies should also be undertaken immediately. Water hyacinths and other growth in water bodies should be removed. For bigger projects, plan & estimates for renovation, cleaning and beautification of water bodies may be sent to the UD&MA Department under Green City Mission for allotment of funds.

11. Requisition of larvivorous fish may be submitted to the District Fisheries Officer adhering to the guidelines for releasing fish to the water bodies.
12. Cleaning of school/college premises and surroundings should be continued.
13. Intensive IEC activities should be initiated like every year. Service of the SHGs should be utilised for this purpose.
14. Regular meeting/ sensitization with local clinical establishments such as Nursing Home, Private Hospital, Private Practitioners should be held regarding proper management and timely referral of fever/ VBDs. Trained Health Officer/ Medical Officer from ULBs may lead a small committee at ULB level to guide and monitor these establishments.
15. Adequate attention should be paid to maintain integrity and quality of the data collected during House to House survey, VCT activities and Vector Borne Disease Surveillance.

For any clarification, Dr. Debjit Chakraborty, Chief Public Health Officer posted in SUDA may be contacted @ 8296875975 or cphosuda@gmail.com.

I am sure that with your active leadership and person involvement, we would be able to eliminate the threat of Vector Borne Disease this year.

Yours faithfully,


10/11/2019
Principal Secretary

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2. PS to MIC, UD&MA- with a request to bring it to the notice of HMIC.


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Principal Secretary