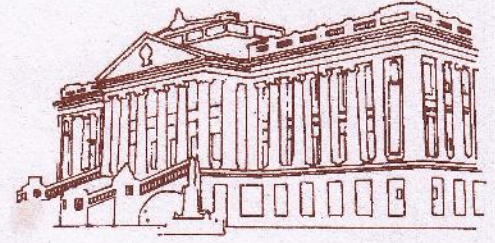




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To:

All Secretaries of Ministries/ Provincial Chief Secretaries / District Secretaries / Secretaries to Governors / Heads of Departments/State Corporations/ Statutory Bodies and Divisional Secretaries

Eradication of mosquito breeding sites in the premises of State Institutions/ Private Homes

It is observed that the contribution jointly made by the Government and Non-Governmental Institutions to the success of the programmes previously launched by the Presidential Task Force for Eradication of Dengue, headed by His Excellency the President for the eradication of dengue mosquito breeding sites was highly commendable.

However, while an increase in the number of dengue patients is reported from various areas, following heavy rains experienced island-wide over the past few months, there were reportedly many dengue mosquito breeding sites found even within the premises of Governmental Institutions.

Having considered the fact that eradication of mosquito breeding sites is a primary task that has to be undertaken continuously, in order to bring the situation under control the steering committee of the Presidential Task Force for the eradication of dengue had decided, at its meeting on January 24, 2013 to put in place a programme

aimed at eradicating mosquito breeding sites within the premises of Public Institutions as well as the premises of private houses. Furthermore, it was decided that the following measures be adopted immediately by the Government institutions:

1. The Head of each Government Institution is obliged to take personal interest in maintaining cleanliness in the premises and carrying out checks constantly and ensure that any mosquito breeding sites found in such premises are eliminated forthwith. You should assume responsibility of ensuring that your Ministry/Department/Corporation/ Institution / Office and the premises around it as well as the other offices under your purview and the premises around are maintained as 'zones free of mosquito menace'.
2. Having reviewed the functioning of all mosquito eradicating units already established by you with a view to ensuring constant vigilance over destroying sites where mosquitoes are breeding in the premises of your office as well as the premises of offices under your purview, appropriate action should be taken in respect of any institution where such programmes are not currently under implementation.
3. Forwarding monthly reports to the Ministry of Health/Provincial Ministry of Health on the programme launched by your Ministry/Provincial Council and the institutions under their purview in respect of mosquito eradication and on its progress.
4. While it is emphasized that your Ministry and the institutions coming under its purview should continuously conduct awareness programmes for the benefit of the public on the need to transform your homes and the environment into "zones free of mosquito menace" suitable instructions in this regard should be obtained from the Ministry of Health. Furthermore, monthly reports should be

submitted to the Ministry of Health in respect of programmes under implementation by you.

The active cooperation being extended by you as well as the continuing commitment by you and your staff in destroying mosquito breeding grounds and transforming the premises of your institution and also the institutions under your purview into a healthy and mosquito free environment, having controlled the breeding of mosquitoes will be highly appreciated.

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