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To

The Editor
The Assam Tribune

Sub: Rejoinder on editorial "Encephalitis menace" published in The Assam Tribune on 08/07/2015

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Assam wants to clarify and bring to your notice the steps undertaken for combating of Japanese Encephalitis in the state.

- It has been directed that 5 beds in all Medical colleges & district hospitals to be reserved for JE positive cases.
- Steps for proper referral system are being emphasized upon.
- All officers have been directed for undertaking monitoring activities as per prepared checklist.
- Fogging has already started as per route plan and action plan.
- Awareness programme at village, block and district level is already being carried upon. Looking into the gravity of the situation, decision is being taken for conduction of ITBN (Insecticide-treated Bed Nets) week in addition to the regular activities.

Health & Family Welfare department vehemently denies the allegations raised by your esteemed daily newspaper. Health & Family Welfare department takes this opportunity to inform you that Assam is the only state to cover all children upto 15 years of age by JE vaccinations. In addition, 14 districts of the state have been covered in a phase wise manner for adult vaccinations. As a result of these steps, JE positive cases have decreased from 138 cases in July 2014 to 86 cases in July, 2015. Reported JE cases under 15 years are 8 nos. and 1 death case has been reported in this age group.

Health & Family Welfare department is committed towards providing health care services to the people and combating of JE is of utmost priority.

Hence it is requested to publish the rejoinder.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

Mission Director
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1. The PS to the Hon'ble Minister, Health & FW Deptt., Govt. of Assam for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Minister.
2. The Principal Secretary, Health & FW Deptt., Govt. of Assam for favour of information.
3. The OSD to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
4. The State Programme Officer, Dept. of Malaria, NHM, Assam

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