

**GOVT OF ASSAM**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE**

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To

The Editor  
Asomiya Pratidin

**Sub:** Rejoinder on news item published in the Asomiya Pratidin "*Gabhir Nidrat Rajyar Swasthya Bibhag- Japanese Encephalitisr Sanghar Abhyahata*" published in The Asomiya Pratidin on 09/07/2015

Sir,

The above referred news published in the *The Asomiya Pratidin* today has come to our notice and Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Assam vehemently denies the allegation that the Health Department has not taken any steps for combating Japanese Encephalitis in the state. In fact, the headline is itself misleading. There have been 12 JE deaths reported till 08/07/2015 and not 48 as mentioned in the headline. Even these twelve are the people who apparently did not turn up to get vaccinated, despite rigorous vaccination campaign run by the department. Because of comprehensive steps taken by the Deptt, on a mission mode, number of JE positive cases has come down drastically, from 138 cases in July 2014 to 86 cases in July 2015. These positive cases are being treated and managed properly as per standard treatment protocol, and also being monitored at different levels.

In this regard 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 on urgent basis:

- It has been directed that 5 beds in all Medical colleges & district hospitals to be reserved for JE positive cases. Medicines are available in all Govt. Hospitals.
- 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.
- 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 is always committed towards providing health care services to the people and combating of JE is of utmost priority. The department is leaving no stone unturned to protect and save each and every person against any disease.

This has the approval of the component authority. Hence it is requested to publish the rejoinder.

Yours sincerely



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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. Add. Chief Secretary, Chief Minister Office, Dispur, Assam
3. The Principal Secretary, Health & FW Deptt., Govt. of Assam for favour of information.
4. The OSD to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
5. The State Programme Officer, Dept. of Malaria, NHM, Assam
6. Manager MIS, NHM Assam for uploading in Assam.



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