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To: **The Editor,
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Sub- Rejoinder on news item published in the Gana Ahdikar " Darrangat Japanese Encephalitishot Mahilar Mitru, Aatonkita Raise" published in the Gana Adhikar on 14/07/2015.

Sir,
The above referred news published in the *The Gana Adhikar* 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. Infact the headline is itself misleading. There are no JE deaths reported till 13-07-2015 at Darrang district as mentioned in the headline.

There have been 20 JE deaths reported till 13-07-2015, these 20 are the people who apparently did not turn up to get vaccinated during the vaccination campaign run by the department. Due to comprehensive steps taken by the department, number of JE cases has come down drastically, from 179 cases in 13-07-2014 to 128 cases till 13-07-2015. These positive cases are being treated and managed properly as per standard treatment protocol and also being monitred at different levels.


In this regard Health & Family Welfare department, Govt. Assam wants to clarify and bring to public notice the steps undertaken for combating Japanese Encephalitis in the state on urgent basis.

- It has been directed that 5 beds in all Medical Colleges & district hospital to be reserved for JE cases. Medicines are available in all Govt. hospitals. All district hospitals are directed for diagnosis & treatment to JE cases.
- All the Medical colleges & District hospitals of the state are equipped with JE kit for early diagnosis of patients.
- Steps for proper referred system is being emphasized upon.
- All officers have been directed for undertaking monitoring activities as per guideline.
- Fogging has already started as per route plan.
- Awareness programme at village. Block & district level is already being carried upon.
- ITBN (Insecticide-treated Bed Nets) campaigns are already being carried upon as per route plan.

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.


It is requested to publish the rejoinder.

Yours faithfully


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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. Addl.Chief Secretary, Chief Minister Office, Dispur, Assam.
3. The Principal Secretary, Health & FW Deptt., GOA for favour of information.
4. The OSD to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.


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