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NATIONAL VECTOR BORNE DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAMME, ASSAM

SAIKIA COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, "B" BLOCK

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To: The Editor,  
Asomiya Khabar

Sub.- Rejoinder on news item published in the Asomiya Khabar "Encephalities Rogir Hahakar Dibrugarh AMC at - kot jai sarkaror 10 kotitokiya puji" dated 15/07/2015.

Sir,

The above referred news published in the *The Asomiya Khabar* 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. Infect the headline is itself misleading. There are only 2 JE death cases & 18 JE positive cases reported form Dibrugarh district till 16/07/2015.

At present Govt. of Assam is supplying all medicines free to the JE positive patient. If any medicine is not available in the hospital that should be supplied from Hospital Management Society and expenditure amount will be reimbursed from NHM Assam. This has been explained among all the Joint DHS of the State along with Superintendent of Medical Colleges of the State in the video conference held on 16/07/2015 at 11.00 AM. So there should not be any difficulty in giving medicines to JE patients.

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

- It has been directed that 5 ICU 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 reference systems are being emphasis upon.
- All officers have been directed for undertaking monitoring activities as per guideline.
- Fogging has already started as per route plan. Total 156 nos of Fogging Machine have been put in the operation.
- 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. Total 389391 nos of community owned bed nets have been treated so far.

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 competent authority. Hence 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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