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PRESS RELEASE

In keeping with the efforts to control the spike in dengue cases, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Dr. Kiran Bedi chaired a review meeting in the office of the District Collector, Puducherry.

The meeting started with a review of activities that had been conducted in the week of October 21 to 28, 2017. According to the Director of Health Services, Dr. K Raman it was observed that the number of dengue cases being reported were declining. Commenting on this, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor said, "We have started the process to control cases of Dengue in Puducherry. However, it is imperative to continue attacking the hotspots that have been identified and are likely to pose risks."

Sharing the mass cleaning and source reduction plans with Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Director Health Services Dr. Raman informed that while work will continue in all areas, this week the focus will be on Gorimedu.

On the issue of enforcement of spot fines to offenders, Oulgaret Municipal Commissioner, Thiru Ramesh pointed out the difficulty in collecting the fine. "Use the Municipal bye laws justiciably to prosecute offenders. If they contest, please issue the challans and let the court decide the course of action", said Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.

She urged all officers present to educate and empower the field staff with the correct knowledge of the law so that they can explain it to general public when they are visiting the sites. She also asked them to ensure that field staff takes photos and other visual evidence of violation to protect themselves from future allegations.

Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor asked the District Collector, Director LAD and Municipal Commissioners to record a joint appeal via Doordarshan and All India radio asking the public for their support in fighting Dengue

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