

**CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY HEALTH**

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PRESS-RELEASE
(Preventive and Punitive Measures for Malaria/Dengue)

Considering delayed rain during the last month of September this year, it has been decided to take all sort of preventive and punitive measures to control vector borne diseases. The measure includes:

- i. Awareness & education programmes at different locations in the city
- ii. Fogging and Spray at public/private places in co-ordination with the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh
- iii. Checking and inspection of vulnerable places
- iv. Notices /Show Cause Notices and Challans/Fines upon the Private and Government premises

2. In view of increase in the reported cases of Malaria & Dengue, inspections and issuing challans/fines has been intensified in cases where breeding of mosquitos is noticed or stagnant water/non-cleanliness is observed. This applies to both Government and Private premises.

3. It has been observed that some of the owners/occupants of the premises are objecting or misbehaving with the staff of the Health Department at the time of inspections. In some cases, the security staff posted at the entry gates of the premises are not allowing the Staff to enter the premises for inspections. All the residents are requested to extend their full support to the visiting staff and contribute in their efforts of controlling the vector borne diseases. To address the security related concern, the protocol of frisking etc may be completed while allowing the entry in the premises and a representative may remain with staff during the whole process of inspection/spraying etc. It is pertinent to mention here that even the Raj Bhawan of Punjab, Raj Bhawan of Haryana, UT Secretariat, Residence of Adviser to Administrator UT, Residence of DGP-UT etc have been regularly inspected by the staff of Health Department and appropriate actions were taken in each of the case on the basis of inspection reports.

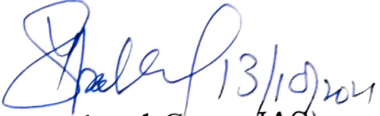
4. Here the following aspects are also made clear for information to all the residents of UT Chandigarh:

- i. Epidemics Disease Act-1897 and the Regulations made thereunder authorizes the Health Staff to inspect the premises. In case of not allowing inspections, actions under the Epidemics Disease Act-1897 may be initiated and it can also be termed as an offence under IPC for obstructing a government servant from discharging the duty.
- ii. Further it may be presumed that entry to the premises is not being allowed to avoid the applicable fine/penalty and hence fine may be imposed straight way.

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iii. It is clarified in clear terms that such reluctance of allowing inspection will not be allowed because it may contribute in outbreak of vector borne diseases in City.

5. All the residents are requested to take all required precautions and don't allow any stagnant water in their premises. The Helpline Line No. 7626002036 may be contacted for issues related to Malaria/Dengue.


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