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MEMORANDUM

Sub: Measures to prevent mosquito-borne diseases

All hostellers are hereby reminded that this is a season for mosquito borne diseases. With the monsoons expected in the next few weeks we have to take every possible measure to prevent breeding of mosquitoes. This is only possible through the co-operation of each and every hosteller and the concerned staff of the Engineering Services, Sanitation Department and the Hostel Section. The municipal authorities have assured all support and assistance in this matter. It must be appreciated that even a single source of breeding can make all efforts futile.

All hostellers are therefore requested to observe the following:

1. *Every source of stagnant water should be removed.* This includes plastic and disposable cups, flower pots, decorative items, old tyres, junk, bins etc. Please ensure that all such sources are disposed of or discarded in dustbins meant for the purpose. Every cup that is thrown outside the dustbin is a potential source of mosquito breeding. In case you come across any hosteller violating this simple principle of proper disposable please impress upon him/her and also inform the authorities concerned.
2. *Coolers must be cleaned regularly.* All desert coolers should be thoroughly cleaned and the mats dried every week. In case this is not done, a drop of kerosene oil or larvicide pellets should be introduced in the water container. These will be provided by the authorities concerned.
3. *Spraying of rooms.* All rooms should be periodically sprayed to kill adult mosquitoes. This will be done by the authorities concerned.
4. *Use of mosquito repellents.* All are advised to use mosquito repellents [coils, liquid vaporizers, creams] or nets for their safety. However measures for preventing breeding cannot be replaced.
5. *Keep your surroundings clean.* Each and every hosteller should ensure that the premises are clean and dripping taps, collection of water etc are promptly attended to. You may assume the role of a mentor to advice and ensure that your neighbours also follow these guidelines since mosquitoes can travel considerable distances and are not room or area specific.
6. *Co-operate with the authorities during checking etc.* The AIIMS authorities as well as municipal authorities will be inspecting each and every room to identify breeding areas. In case you are not available please indicate a convenient time even after office hours for the inspection. The process of inspection shall begin with this evening.
7. *Indicate the time of your availability* This is mandatory for the purpose of spraying, adding larvicides etc. There cannot be any exceptions and municipal authorities are empowered to ensure compliance of implementing all measures necessary to prevent mosquito-borne diseases.

Your availability may be indicated to the Hostel Section / Sanitation Department. *A Control Room for this purpose will be working in the Gents Hostel manned by the Sanitation Department. You may enter the time convenient to you for implementing these measures. Also please ensure that you sign on the log book to be produced by the staff after satisfactory spraying etc.*

The details will be displayed shortly. Meanwhile contact the Hostel section for any assistance.

Please co-operate to ensure a mosquito and disease free environment. Your safety and comfort is as much dependant on you as on the authorities. Join hands to make the hostels better.

Superintendent Hostels