

**MAYOR ASSURED FULL COOPERATION TO DELHI GOVERNMENT
TOWARDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF WATER AND VECTOR
BORNE DISEASES**

Mayor, Ms. Arti Mehra has assured Dr. Yoganand Shastri, Health Minister of Delhi Government that MCD will provide full co-operation and support towards prevention and control of water and vector borne diseases in Delhi. She said that there has been a noticeable and visible difference in prevention of these diseases. The situation has improved but still a lot needs to be done in this direction. Government of NCT of Delhi and MCD need to complement each other in their efforts and then only goals of eradicating these diseases will be attained.

Ms. Mehra said that GI pipes normally have a life span of 25 years but it has been noticed that in lot of areas these have not been replaced on timely basis. Therefore, these have got corroded and due to adjacent laying of sewer pipes and water pipes, at times it has been noticed that mixing of sewer water and normal drinking water is taking place in several areas. Recently, a demonstration in Keshavpuram area by the residents of that area was also held because of this reason. It is, therefore, imperative that necessary steps shall jointly be taken by Delhi Government and MCD to replace these pipelines wherever necessary.

Ms. Mehra further said that prevention of these diseases is very close to her heart and as such she is regularly perusing weekly reports of Health Department of MCD to keep an eye on various figures related to this matter. During the perusal of these figures, she had noticed that a number of water tanks are supposed to be deployed with chlorinators but a large number of them are functioning without these chlorinators leading to inadequate chlorine distribution in supply of water. Moreover, lot of water supply tanks have also not been cleaned on time and regular cleaning is not being undertaken. So it is imperative that concerned officials be directed to take necessary action in this regard.

The Mayor also said that MCD had already started cleaning lot of drains falling under its jurisdiction. Necessary directions to accelerate these

works have already been issued to the officials and she is closely monitoring the implementation and progress of these measures.
