

Matter relates to Travel Advisory displayed on website of US Govt wwwnc.cdc.gov under Travel section. In the ALERT section, which is level 2 advisory between WATCH and WARNING, news about spread of Zika virus in and around Rajasthan has been reported. The travelers have been requested to visit these places with enhanced precautions. On page related to Zika Travel information (areas with risk of Zika) names of 14 countries have been mentioned including Singapore, Maldives, Malaysia, Indonesia and India. Copies of relevant pages of website are placed on file.

Medical and Health Dept, GoR has issued a Press Release on 20th Dec'18 in this regard that no case of Zika virus infection has been reported after 28th October '18 in Rajasthan. Routine surveillance is being carried out through sample testing across the State. Based on advanced molecular study, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and National Institute of Virology, Pune have already announced that the reported strain of Zika virus is not likely to cause febrile microcephaly.

It has been reported that the US advisory may affect the tourist traffic from US and other places. Therefore, it is proposed to take following measures to mitigate the adverse effect of the advisory.

- a- Approaching the US website with Press Release of Medical & Health Dept and ICMR with request to remove the advisory.
- b- Writing to ASTA (American Society of Travel Agents) about the same
- c- Posting this information on website and Social Media pages of Rajasthan Tourism
- d- Requesting Ministry of Tourism, GoI to post the information on its website and Social Media and taking up this issue at appropriate forum.

Submitted for perusal and approval pls.