Dear [Madam],

The Expert Committee on “Enhancing the role of Panchayat in Centrally Sponsored Schemes” chaired by Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar has recommended the guidelines for Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committee should include voluntary disclosures to the Gram Sabha regarding creation of facilities, infrastructure and available benefits, name of beneficiaries etc. under the scheme. This is to ensure transparency and generation of demand for health care services.

2. The Guidelines for Community Processes issued in July, 2013 includes Guidelines for Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committee (VNSNC). In the said guidelines for VHSNC, it has been articulated that the VHSNCs would maintain data on status of facilities, a village health register that includes details on all beneficiaries and record of public services related to health and nutrition. It is also mentioned that the VHSNC would inform about their activities and expenditures to the Gram Sabha in their bi-annual meetings and the Gram Panchayat in their quarterly meetings.

3. In line with the recommendations of the Expert Committee, as part of the said VHSNC Guidelines, States may widely disseminate that the Chairperson/Secretary of the VHSNC would also be responsible for informing the Gram Sabha regarding creation of facilities, infrastructure and available benefits, name of beneficiaries etc. under the scheme during the bi-annual meeting of the Gram Sabha and the Gram Panchayat in their quarterly meetings.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Manoj Jhalani)

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