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Government of India  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

New Delhi, Nirman Bhawan  
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To,  
Mission Directors, NRHM (All States/UTs )

Subject: Guidelines for Village Health Sanitation Nutrition Committees – reg

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to Guidelines for Community Processes issued by the Ministry in July 2013.

2. In Section 2 of the Guidelines for Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committee it is mentioned that the VHSNCs may ‘preferably’ act as a sub-Committee or a Standing Committee of the Gram Panchayat and would act under the latter’s oversight. The Expert Committee on “Enhancing the role of Panchayat in Centrally Sponsored Schemes” chaired by Shri Mani Shankar Aiyer has recommended the said guidelines may be amended to omit the word “preferably”. The Ministry has accepted the said recommendation. Hence, in the said section 2, for the words “VHSNCs may preferably act as a sub-Committee or a Standing Committee of the Gram Panchayat and would act under the latter’s oversight” the words , “VHSNCs may act as a sub-Committee or a Standing Committee of the Gram Panchayat and would act under the latter’s oversight” is substituted.

These issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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