(2) Order No.Z.18015/8/2011-NRHM-II dated 25th July 2011 received from Special Secretary & Mission Director (NRHM), Government of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

ADDENDUM

In partial modification in order referred above in the preamble (1), the Competent Authority of Daman & Diu hereby decided to expand the role of Village Health & Sanitation Committee (VHSC), so as to include “nutrition” within its ambit with the active participation of Anganwadi Workers, ANMs & Representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions. The Committee henceforth will be named as ‘Village Health Sanitation & Nutrition Committee’ (VHSNC). In addition to the defined activities of VHSC as per NRHM framework of implementation, VHSNC will also engage with and monitor status, issues and action pertaining to nutrition. The broadened mandate of VHSNC will include the following activities in addition to the existing mandate of VHSC:

- Create awareness about nutritional issues and significance of nutrition as an important determinant of health.
- Carry out survey on nutritional status and nutritional deficiencies in the village especially among women & children.
- Identify locally available food stuffs of high nutrient value as well as disseminate and promote best practices (traditional wisdom) congruent with local, capabilities and physical environment through a process of community consultation.
- Inclusion of Nutritional needs in the Village Health Plan. The committee will do an in-depth analysis of causes of malnutrition at the community and household levels, by involving the ANM, AWW, Link Worker and ICDS Supervisors.
- Monitoring and Supervision of village Health and Nutrition Day to ensure that it is organized every month in the village with the active participation of the whole village.
- Facilitate early detection malnourished children in the community. Tie up referral to the nearest Health facility / Nutritional Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) as well as follow up for sustained outcome.
- Supervise the functioning of Anganwadi Centre (AWC) in the village and facilitate its working in improving status of women and children.
- Act as a grievances redressal forum on health and nutrition issues.

The VHSNC will function as sub-committee of Gram Panchayat.

This issues with the approval of Finance Secretary / Secretary (Health), Daman & Diu on 26/08/2011.

(P. J. Bamania)
Joint Secretary (Health)

Place: Daman