Dear Principal Secretary,

As you are aware, the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) was approved on 1st May, 2013 as a sub mission of National Health Mission (NHM) for providing equitable and quality primary health care services to the urban population with special focus on slum and vulnerable population.

2. During FY 2013-14, an amount of Rs.662.23 Crore (Central Share) was released to 29 states/UTs for implementation of the activities under NUHM. During the current Financial Year, as well, an amount of Rs.306.81 Crore has already been released to 14 states for continuation of the activities sanctioned last year.

3. I would like to draw your attention to the letter dated 16th May, 2013 from Union Secretary, Health & Family Welfare addressed to the Chief Secretaries and also the letter dated 17th May, 2013 from Additional Secretary & Mission Director, NHM addressed to the Principal Secretaries (Health & Family Welfare) wherein states/UTs were requested to undertake certain activities such as, expansion of the Governing Body (GB) and the Executive Committee (EC) of the State Health Mission/Society to include Minister(s) in charge of Urban Development and Housing, and Secretaries in charge of the Urban Development and Housing departments, posting of Additional Mission Director to look after NUHM exclusively in states having large urban population, mapping of the slums and vulnerable population, assessment of the facilities available in existing public primary healthcare facilities, preparation of a city health plan for providing comprehensive out patient care and outreach services to the slum dwellers and the unserved population through appropriate strengthening of the existing facilities, partnership with not-for-profit/private sector, establishment of new PHCs etc. Further, in FY 13-14, under NUHM, the States/UTs were also conveyed approvals for recruitment of Programme Management staff at state, district and city levels for strengthening the SPMUs, DPMUs and CPMUs.

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4. It is, however, observed that the progress of implementation of NUHM is not satisfactory in many states. Most of the activities sanctioned under the programme have not been taken up and there is poor utilisation of the funds released under the programme. Very little action has been initiated in the area of ASHA selection and training, formation and capacity building of Mahila Arogya Samiti also.

5. NUHM is a new programme. Roll out of NUHM depends on your leadership and guidance. I would urge you to accord top priority to NUHM implementation and look forward to your leadership for rolling out all the activities sanctioned in the PIPs of 2013-14 and 2014-15.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(C.K. Mishra)

Principal Secretaries, Health and Family Welfare of all the States/UTs