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Government of India  
Department of Health and Family Welfare  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

D.O. No. L-19017/44/2014-UH  
12<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

Dear Chief Secretary,

As you are aware National Urban Health Mission was launched during 2013-14 for strengthening primary healthcare system in the urban areas with special focus on the needs of the urban poor. Funds have been released to the States/UTs during 2013-14 and 2014-15. AS&MD, National Health Mission and the Joint Secretary, Urban Health of the Ministry are in regular touch with the State Health Secretaries and Mission Directors for roll out of the activities approved under NUHM. My predecessor had also taken a review meeting with the State Health Secretaries on 30.12.2014 and written a DO letter to you in this regard (copy enclosed). However, only about 25% of the funds allotted to the States could be utilised by 31.03.2015.

2. Additional Secretary & Mission Director, NHM and Joint Secretary (UH) conducted a Video Conference with the States on 6.8.2015 and it was learnt that not much progress has been made during the last four months also in most of the States. Only a handful of the States have been able to make some tangible progress under the scheme. During the current year funds have been released to only 8 States which have made some appreciable progress so far. Because of high unspent balance available with 19 States we are not able to release any fund to them. Joint Secretary, Urban Health has written a D.O. letter to the State Health Secretaries in this regard.
3. Some States have also not released the central share of the scheme. It was also learnt during the recent Video Conference that the State Treasury has not released the entire amount of the central share to the State Health Society in couple of States. AS&MD, NHM has already written to the State Health Secretaries in this regard, earlier.
4. In view of the unsatisfactory progress in roll out of the scheme, the Prime Minister is likely to review the progress of NUHM during PRAGATI soon. Hence, I would request you to personally review the status of implementation of NUHM and issue appropriate instruction to the Health Secretary, Mission Director, NHM and Municipal Commissioners for accelerating implementation of various activities sanctioned under NUHM so far. The Finance Department may also be advised to release the entire amount of central share and the corresponding amount of state share to the State Health Society.

With regards,

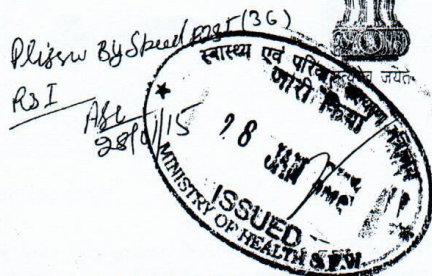
Yours sincerely,

(B.P. Sharma)

Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs.



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Dear

As you are aware that National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) was approved on 1st May, 2013 as a sub-mission under an overarching National Health Mission for strengthening the primary health care services in the urban areas with particular focus on slum and vulnerable population. Support is provided under NUHM not only to strengthen the existing primary healthcare facilities, but also for establishing new PHCs and CHCs. Funding is provided for engagement of Medical Officers, ANMs, Para-medical staff & programme management personnel on contract. Considering the success of ASHAs and various community participation initiatives in rural areas, NUHM is also supporting engagement of ASHAs and formation of Mahila Arogya Samiti (MAS) in urban slums.

Given the impact that the programme is likely to have on the unreached urban population, proper implementation of NUHM will go a long way in helping the urban poor and reducing their out-of-pocket expenses.

Approvals for carrying out various activities under the programme were conveyed during last year and this year as well. Rs.2007.96 crore has been released to 34 States and UTs so far. It is, however, seen that the progress of implementation of approved activities is not satisfactory. I had reviewed the matter with all State Health Secretaries/Mission Directors on 30.12.2014 and advised them to accelerate the engagement of Medical Officers, ANMs, para-medical personnel and the programme management staff.

NUHM is a new programme and its success largely depends on your leadership. I would therefore, request you to kindly review the progress of implementation of NUHM with the Health Secretary, Secretary, Urban Development/Municipal Administration, Mission Director, NHM and Director, Health Services, District Magistrates and Municipal Commissioners at regular intervals and provide appropriate guidance to them. If any further support is required from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, I would also request you to kindly let me know.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
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Chief Secretaries of all States/ UTs

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