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Dear Colleague,

We are writing to you with regard to the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) which was approved as a sub-mission under the National Health Mission (NHM) on May 2013 for providing equitable and quality primary health care services to the urban population with special focus on the slum and vulnerable population. The program was launched in the background of rapid urbanization in the country and several assessments indicating that the health indicators of the urban poor are in many cases worse off than the rural poor. Under this programme, support is provided for strengthening of the health infrastructure and engagement of Human Resources in the identified health facilities and for enhancing community participation in health through the ASHAs and the Mahila Arogya Samitis (MAS) and various other activities. The Framework for implementation, envisages implementation of NUHM through the ULBs in the 7 metro cities. For the remaining cities, the choice is with the States to implement the programme through the ULBs or through the Health Departments.

2. Approvals for carrying out various activities under the programme have been conveyed to the States for the last two years and this year as well by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Rs.2578.49 crores has been released to 35 States and UTs so far. While some States have been able to work out effective implementation mechanisms by coordination between State Urban Development Departments and Health Departments, it is however, observed in the reviews, visits and Common Review Missions that the progress with regard to the approved activities has not been very satisfactory. The States implementing NUHM through the ULBs have experienced limitations with regard to:-

- Low priority being accorded for the Urban Health Programme by some of the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).
- Lack of co-ordination and co-operation between the ULBs and the State Health Departments.
- Very slow Human Resource recruitment process by the ULBs
- Low reporting of expenditure by the ULBs

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Therefore, for better convergence and to bridge the gap between the ULBs and the State Health Department, it is suggested that the Addl Municipal Commissioner/ULB City Health Officer may be designated as the Nodal Officer for the National Urban Health Mission. The Nodal Officer so designated be specifically tasked with proper planning and implementation of NUHM activities in coordination with the State Health Departments.

3. Being a high priority and relatively new programme, we also urge the States to accord top priority to NUHM implementation as its success largely depends on your leadership. We would therefore, request you to kindly review the progress of implementation of NUHM with the Principal Secretary/Secretary Health, Principal Secretary/Secretary Urban Development and Mission Director NHM. The Municipal Commissioners or the officers designated for Urban Health may also be included in the review meetings. Similar periodic reviews involving ULBs and Health Department at the District Level by the District Collectors/Deputy Commissioners would be required to sort out any coordination issues and hasten the pace of implementation. Necessary instructions for the same may please be issued.

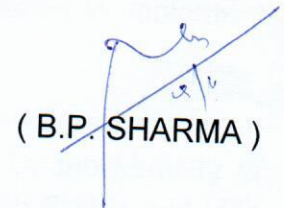
4. We would kindly request you to let us know of the action taken in this regard and any further support required from the Govt of India to ensure that NUHM is implemented expeditiously in your State.

With regards,



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Yours Sincerely,



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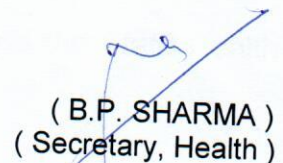
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