As you are aware the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) was launched with the key objective to improve access to health services in urban areas with special focus on vulnerable and marginalized population. I am happy to note that States have made progress in implementing services related to Reproductive and Child health and Disease Control in urban areas under NUHM. However, the issue of poor coordination between State Programme Divisions and NUHM Team was highlighted by most State NUHM Nodal Officers and Community Processes Officials during a recent workshop in Delhi in October, 2017. This was reported to be on account of low levels of ownership by respective Programme Divisions for implementation of health services in the urban areas in States.

In this regard I urge you to review the current status of implementation of health services in urban areas for each of the Programme Divisions and ensure that implementation of health services is not affected on account of weak co-ordination between the Divisions and the NUHM Team.

I will also like to take this opportunity to request you to plan the roll out of comprehensive primary health care services in urban areas by launching the universal screening of NCDs (Hypertension, Diabetes and three common cancers – Oral, Breast and Cervical), as a first step. This would help in addressing the high unmet need of the urban community for such services especially in the area of NCDs.

Yours Sincerely,

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