

**MINUTES OF EIGHTH MEETING OF THE
EMPOWERED PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (EPC)
OF THE NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH MISSION
HELD ON 10TH JULY 2007**

Room Num 150 A Wing, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

The eighth meeting of Empowered Programme Committee (EPC) of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) was held under chairmanship of Shri Naresh Dayal, Secretary, Health and Family Welfare in Committee Room No. 150-A, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi. The list of participants is enclosed.

The chairperson welcomed the members of EPC. Thereafter the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

**Agenda Item No. 1
Confirmation of Minutes of the Seventh meeting of EPC
held on 22nd January 2007**

No comments were received from any of the members. Accordingly the EPC approved the minutes of its seventh meeting held on 22nd January 2007.

**Agenda Item No. 2
Action Taken Report of the Sixth Meeting of EPC, held on 5th January**

The Action Taken Report in respect of decisions taken in the sixth meeting of EPC was discussed and adopted.

**Agenda Item No. 3
Proposal for an Annual Health Survey (AHS) to prepare
District Health Profiles
(statistics division)**

The Registrar General of India (RGI) briefed the EPC about plan of action for taking up Annual Health Survey in 284 districts of ten EAG States including Assam. It is proposed that field work for the survey would be out sourced to



NGOs and SRS Collaborates. Close monitoring and supervision would be maintained on their work through field offices. It was noted that 186 posts at various levels would be required for this work and the same would be recruited on contract basis. The AHS would annually generate district wise data for computing the IMR and TFR. The data for MMR would be generated state wise every three years but for the four major states of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar it could be annually.

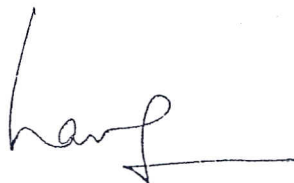
The RGI pointed out that format of the survey would be flexible and can be adapted to requirements of various departments including AYUSH, Department of WCD etc. JS (WCD) pointed out the need to ensure that nutritional indicators which are part of NFHS and DLHS would continue to be addressed in the AHS. It was also pointed out that there is a need to harmonise the sampling methodology across surveys conducted by various departments and agencies.

The proposal was approved for being placed for consideration of the Mission Steering Group (MSG). The Chairman advised that the MSG agenda on this matter should be circulated to all the departments including the Finance Ministry in advance before the meeting of the MSG.

Agenda Item No. 4

**Proposal for modification of the compensation package for sterilization approved earlier in the Mission Steering Group meeting held on 22.9.06.
(RSS Division)**

The proposal was approved for being placed for consideration of the MSG. The Chairman advised that the agenda on this matter should be circulated to all the departments in advance before meeting of the MSG.



Agenda Item No. 5

**Inclusion of NVBDCP activities to be carried out by Village Health & Sanitation Committee for prevention and control of vector borne diseases at the village level out of annual untied grants of Rs. 10,000 to each Village Health & Sanitation Committee.
(NVBDCP)**

The proposal was endorsed by the EPC. The chairperson advised that various State Institute of Health & Family Welfare (SIHFW) should prepare state specific calendar for activities to be undertaken by the VHSC. This would assist members of the VHSC make valuable contribution to management of communicable diseases.

Agenda Item No. 6

**Proposal for contractual appointment of Multi purpose worker (Male) at all vacant sub centers
(NVBDCP)**

The division concerned was requested to reexamine the proposal. It was pointed out that funding of the Multipurpose Workers (Male) is beyond the mandate of the NRHM. The proposal may be also need to optimize the support of NRHM for this activity and restrict the same to only the endemic districts in the country. The Chairman advised that the division concerned should seek IFD concurrence before submission to MSG.

Agenda Item No. 7

**Proposal for upgradation of RHTC Najafgarh
(PMS)**

The Chairman advised that the agenda item should be resubmitted after it has been examined by the IFD.

Agenda item No. 8

**Proposal for expansion of JE vaccination Campaign to high risk districts
(UIP)**

The proposal to expand the JE vaccination campaign from 22 to 28 districts with a financial implication of Rs. 16.67 lakh to be met with-in the overall provision of the JE campaign during 11th plan was approved.

Supplementary Agenda circulated by D/o AYUSH

JS (AYUSH) circulated an agenda note during the meeting. The proposal to locate AYUSH Coordinators in the NRHM and the National Institute of Health & Family Welfare (NIHFW) was welcomed. It was clarified that creation of any new post may not be possible under Implementation Framework of NRHM. The D/o AYUSH may therefore consider redeployment of some of its own personnel to NRHM directorate. As regards placing of a technical officer at NIHFW, the matter may be taken up with Director (NIHFW). The other agenda points may be resubmitted after concurrence of the IFD.

The Secy (HFW) directed that all divisions should ensure strict compliance to the procedure for submission of agenda items for consideration of the EPC. The agenda should be circulated well in advance to the related departments and concurrence of the IFD obtained before any matter is taken up in the EPC.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairperson and members of the EPC.