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Subject:- Minutes of 8th Meeting of Mission Steering Group (MSG) of National Health Mission (NHM) held on 11th January, 2023, under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare-reg.

Please find enclosed herewith the minutes of the 8th Meeting of Mission Steering Group (MSG) of National Health Mission (NHM) held on 11th January, 2023 from 03.00 PM to 04:30 PM, in Hall No. 1, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, for information and record.

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6. PS to Hon'ble Union Minister of Panchayati Raj,
   Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001.
7. PS to Hon'ble Union Minister of Education,
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8. PS to Hon'ble Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, NITI Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001.

9. Dr. V.K. Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog, NITI Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001.

10. CEO, NITI Aayog
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12. Secretary (Higher Education)
13. Secretary (Panchayati Raj)
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Minutes of 8th Meeting of Mission Steering Group (MSG) of National Health Mission (NHM) held on 11th January, 2023 at 3.00 PM onwards, in Hall No. 1, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

The 8th Meeting of Mission Steering Group (MSG) of National Health Mission (NHM) was held under the chairpersonship of Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, on 11th January, 2023 from 03.00 PM to 04:30 PM, in Hall No. 1, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

At the outset, Ms. Roli Singh, Additional Secretary & Mission Director (NHM), MoHFW extended a warm welcome to all members of MSG. She briefed the participants on the background of MSG stating that MSG is the apex body approved under National Health Mission (NHM) and provides broad policy direction to the Mission and exercises the main governance under the health sector. MSG also advises the Empowered Program Committee (EPC) in policy formulation and operation. The MSG is fully empowered to approve financial norms for various schemes/initiatives under NHM. AS & MD (NHM) informed that so far nine meetings of the MSG have been convened of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and seven meetings have been convened of National Health Mission (NHM). She shared that recently the target of operationalising 1.5 lakh HWCs by 31st December, 2022 has been achieved beforetime with 1.54 lakh Sub Centres (SCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) transformed as Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs). She informed that Ministry is aiming to provide comprehensive primary health care with a footfall of more than 1.35 Cr already being registered as on date.

Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary (HFW) in his opening remarks, highlighted that MSG is the apex body to oversee the policy and implementation of NHM. Secretary (HFW) informed that the last MSG meeting of NHM was held on 7th September, 2022 and the 8th MSG meeting is being held today. In between these two meetings, two important milestones have been achieved. The first achievement is operationalising 1.54 lakh HWCs against the target of 1.5 lakh HWCs by 31st December, 2022. He thanked the States also for their efforts in achieving this target. He further added that the second achievement is that more than 1 lakh HWCs out of these 1.54 lakh HWCs are providing Teleconsultation Services through e-Sanjeevani. This is beneficial in providing specialist services to poor & vulnerable population at the HWCs near to their doorstep.

Shri Vishal Chauhan, Joint Secretary (Policy), MoHFW briefed the gathering about the National Health Mission. He shared that the objective of the Mission is to provide technical and financial support to States to strengthen health Systems with sharper focus on high focus States and rural population, particularly marginalized and vulnerable population. Under the Mission, the integral approach has improved the coordination between programmes. He added that the main objective of the Mission is to support the States/UTs towards provision of universal access to Equitable, Affordable and Quality healthcare services, accountable and responsive to people's needs, with effective inter-sectoral convergent action to address the wider social determinants of health. He mentioned that progress report of NHM is placed annually before the Union Cabinet for information and

the annual report for 2021-22 would be laid soon before the Union Cabinet. He briefly mentioned about the various pools under NHM such as NRHM & NUHM –Health System Strengthening (HSS) Pool, RCH Flexi Pool, Communicable Disease Programme Pool, NCDs programme Pool and Infrastructure Maintenance Pool.

Thereafter, various agenda items were taken up for discussion with the permission of the Chair.

Agenda-1: Confirmation of minutes of 7th meeting of MSG held on 7th September 2022

The minutes had been conveyed to all MSG members and no observations were received. The minutes were confirmed by the MSG.

Agenda- 2: Action Taken Report on decisions taken during 7th meeting of Mission Steering Group (MSG) of National Health Mission (NHM)

The action taken on each of the decisions taken during last MSG meeting were tabled in front of the MSG members. The action taken were noted by the MSG.

Agenda-3: Technical support to Ayushman Bharat - Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) by Medical Colleges to assure quality Comprehensive Primary Health Care Services

Joint Secretary (Policy) presented the agenda and stated that proposal is regarding effective handholding of AB-HWCs. The proposal is that each Medical College can adopt 10 Ayushman Bharat – Health & Wellness centres (AB-HWCs) for first 2 years and then, 10 different AB-HWCs for every 2 years subsequently. Each medical college in its Department of Community Medicine would have an AB-HWC "Program Coordinator" who will preferably be an Additional/Associate/Assistant Professor. Medical College will be provided travel/communication & contingency support under NHM for providing the technical support.

The annual financial implication is as follows:

Components	Monthly Budget	Annual Budget
Travel/communication & Contingency Support per Medical Colleges	Rs. 18,000/-	Rs. 2.16 lakh
Total Financial Implication (648 Medical Colleges)	**Rs. 13.99 Crore per Annum**	

The agenda was approved by the MSG.

Agenda - 4 - New Initiatives under NHM

Sh. Vishal Chauhan, Joint Secretary (Policy), MoHFW presented the agenda. He informed about the 'Holistic Approach' adopted by NHM encompassing change in

programme design to respond to changing health care needs. He explained changed approach in the NHM in recent years as following:

i. It was explained that under NHM, the focus is to work through Saturation approach. Such as screening of 100 % tribal and other at risk population under Universal Sickle Cell Screening programme, TB Elimination by 2025, more than 1 Cr cataract surgeries in a year, issuing 40 Cr additional PMJAY cards, 100% screening is aimed under Universal Hypertension/Diabetes/Cancer Screening in the next two years. He further added that under Mental Health Programme, Tele Manas has been introduced, and dialysis services are planned to be operationalised in all 730 districts of the country under National Dialysis Programme which is currently operational in 630 districts.

ii. He further briefed about the shift from Incremental to Comprehensive approach under NHM. Now, Comprehensive Primary Health Care Services providing 12 package of services with special focus on Wellness – "Illness to Wellness" is available at HWCs. The preventive and promotive care strategy has contributed to this approach. Integration with AYUSH has increased, Wellness guidelines-AYUSH have also been issued recently. JS (Policy) shared that our district hospitals have become aspirational now and providing tertiary care services.

iii. He shared that use of generic drugs which are indigenously manufactured, has led to improvement in availability of drugs, use of AI technique in disease detection and new point of care tests. He further shared that around 1000 start-ups are working in the country towards diagnostics, therapeutics, point of care technologies in health sector etc. These efforts are adding towards enhancing Self Reliance and Atma Nirbharta. He shared that the Start - up ecosystem developed in the country is benefitting NHM also.

iv. He further briefed that under the National Digital Health Ecosystem, ABHA IDs are being generated and used to ensure the continuum of care of patients. These are also being generated under HMIS used by AIIMS. He shared that inter-operability is being ensured in all health web portals like RCH, NIKSHAY, NCD, NPCBVI etc. He stated that with these efforts, we are moving towards digital health records of all.

v. He further mentioned that we are moving steadily towards creating Resilient Health Systems. Block Pubic Health Unit at block levels, District Integrated Public Health Laboratories, 5 Regional Centres of NCDC are being established to create Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) which would provide real time information of 33 diseases. Further he added that, to respond to any pandemic situation, 1.5 lakh HWCs in rural areas are functional, 50/100 bedded critical care blocks at district level are being established, 150 bedded critical care blocks in 12 Central Govt hospitals are being created to realise the Resilient Health Systems in the country.

vi. He shared that at the time of conceiving National Rural Health Mission, the target was to achieve the Millennium Development Goals related to Health. NHM has remarkably performed and achieved the MDG targets. He emphasized that with the above mentioned strategies, approaches and enthusiasm, NHM is in a better position to address these SDG Goals. He informed that since now समग्र Approach has been adopted by NHM encompassing change in programme design to respond to changing health care needs, it is proposed that National Health Mission

(NHM) may be re-organised as Pradhan Mantri Samagra Swashtya Mission (PM-SSM).

The agenda was supported by members and approved by Mission Steering Group.

After detailed discussions over agenda items, the following points were raised and suggestions made by MSG members:

Sh. Sampath Kumar, Principal Secretary (Health), Meghalaya thanked the Government for providing HPV vaccine. He suggested that as a preventive step, every woman should go for HPV DNA based Cervical screening after every 10 years of marriage which would significantly help in treatment in time before HPV turns into cancer.

Ms. Prachi Pandey, Joint Secretary, Department of School Education requested for an integrated platform for sharing data on health status of children covered under Rashtriya Bal Swashtya Karyakram (RBSK).

Dr. Prithvi, Secretary (Health), Rajasthan mentioned that shift from curative health to preventive, promotive health with Wellness with 100% saturation approach is a huge development. He welcomed the approach of transition of NHM to PM-SSM.

Ms. R. Jaya, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) mentioned that dis-aggregated data of tribal population is useful to know the health profile of the marginalised. She further suggested that content of mentoring of HWCs by Medical Colleges should be designed keeping in mind the local health profile/issues.

Dr. Chandra Shekhar Kumar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) requested that fund allotted to the public assets of Health Department mapped within a PRI should be shared with the panchayats. He suggested that all the health data must be LGD coded till the village and shared with MoPR through API.

Sh. Partha Sarthi Sen Sharma, Principal Secretary (H&FW), Uttar Pradesh requested that NHM funds should also be used to strengthen the Medical colleges to provide tertiary care.

Ms. Roopa Mishra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoH&UA) shared that beneficiary of PM Swanidhi may be included in PMJAY.

Sh. Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary (AYUSH) appreciated MoHFW for support in developing IPHS guidelines. He informed that by 31st December, 2023, all 12500 AYUSH HWCs would be made functional. He raised issues regarding parity of remuneration to AYUSH HR.

Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare asked that incentive to both pre and post Kala Azar should be ensured. Further, she mentioned that more number of HWCs should be adopted by Medical Colleges. She

mentioned that monitoring of RBSK programme needs improvement to ensure timely treatment.

Dr. V. K. Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog shared that paradigm shift under NHM should also highlight Diseases elimination. He suggested convergence with district residency programme and including the nursing colleges too. He mentioned that a convening mechanism for better convergence between Health and Medical Education Department may be required in this regard. With regards to ABHA IDs, he suggested targeting for clubbing of individual data to family/household folders. He further suggested that we should focus on screening dimension for elimination of cervical cancer along with other dimension i.e, vaccination. He later mentioned that deep dive into National Urban Health Mission is required to formulate its roadmap for better implementation.

Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs mentioned that urban local bodies along with Housing Affairs Department in consultation with MoHFW should study the areas/pockets where sharper focus is required for effective health interventions in urban areas. He raised concern regarding availability of trained medical, and ancillary staff and urged to invest in building their capacities. He mentioned that Government should look out for alternate source of funding such as CSR funds to close the local gaps.

Dr. Virendra Kumar, Hon'ble Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment shared that the role of ASHA and ANM in the field is very important. He mentioned that proper coordination with State government is needed to ensure that the PM Jan Aushadi Kendra should be located in/near the hospital premises. He stated that the medical profession requires emotion and commitment towards duty to improve health of people in the country.

Shri Gejendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Union Minister of Jal Shakti shared that information regarding available services in all health facilities should be made available with people for better choice while visiting the facilities at the time of need. He suggested that whole of the government approach should be incorporated in health schemes such as RBSK programme. He suggested that there should be a strategy to increase the health seeking behaviour of the community. He advised that a mapping of required and available Human Resource for Health (HRH) at health facilities may be undertaken through a portal and a dashboard should be developed to ensure effective monitoring.

Dr Manshukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare shared that enhanced resources are now available with State Governments under various health schemes and interventions. Further, he added that proper repository of trained HR and equipment availability for efficient mapping should be developed. He mentioned that H&WC has developed to a center for health access and platform for knowledge transfer. He stated that health has been linked to country's development in the transformed India. Several schemes such as world largest infrastructure mission has been launched. He added that under PM-SSM, all these approaches would be further strengthened. He informed that Kala Azar would be eliminated by the end of this year. He said that it's good

to learn from global examples, but we should strengthen our public health delivery system model. He thanked all the members for the feedback and assured that all suggestions would be incorporated in PM-SSM to ensure accessible, affordable and quality healthcare to people.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

List of Participants in the 8th Meeting of MSG of NHM held on 11th January, 2023

1. Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare
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4. Dr. Virendra Kumar Hon'ble Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment
5. Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Hon'ble Minister of State (Health & Family Welfare)
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7. Sh. Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary, M/o Health and Family Welfare
8. Sh. Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, M/o AYUSH
9. Prof. (Dr.) Atul Goel, DG (HS), M/o Health and Family Welfare
10. Sh. Partha Sarthi Sen Sharma, Principal Secretary(H&FW), Uttar Pradesh
11. Sh. Sampath Kumar, Principal Secretary (H&FW), Meghalaya
12. Dr. Prithvi, Secretary (Medical H&FW), Rajasthan
13. Ms. Roli Singh, AS&MD(NHM), M/o Health and Family Welfare
14. Sh. Sanjay Prasad, AS, D/o Expenditure
15. Sh. Surender Singh, AS, M/o Social Justice and Empowerment
16. Dr. Chandra Shekhar Kr, AS, M/o Panchayati Raj
17. Ms. R. Jaya, AS, M/o Tribal Affairs
18. Sh. Vishal Chauhan, JS, M/o Health and Family Welfare
19. Sh. P. Ashok Babu, JS, M/o Health and Family Welfare
20. Ms. Roopa Mishra, JS, M/o Housing and Urban Affairs
21. Ms. Prachi Pandey, JS, D/o School Education and Literacy
22. Sh. Harpreet Singh, JS, M/o Development of NE Region
23. Ms. Indrani Kaushal, EA, M/o Health and Family Welfare
24. Sh. Praveen Mahto, EA, M/o Rural Development
25. Sh. Mrutyunjay Behra, EA, D/o Higher Education
26. Maj. Gen. (Prof.) Atul Kotwal, Executive Director, NHSRC
27. Ms. Roli Khare, Director (NHM-III), M/o Health and Family Welfare
28. Dr. Neha Garg, Director (NHM-II/Mental Health), M/o Health and Family Welfare
29. Sh. Harsh Mangla, Director (NHM-I/NUHM), M/o Health and Family Welfare
30. Sh. Adwait Kumar Singh, DS (NHM-Fin/NHM-IV), M/o Health and Family Welfare
31. Sh. Vaibhav Bajaj, PS to Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare
32. Sh. R.P. Shukla, DS (Coord.), M/o Drinking Water and Sanitation
33. Sh. K. A. Shrivadas, DS, Office of Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs
34. Dr Balasubramanya, Advisor, NHSRC
35. Dr. Suresh Kumar, Dy. Adv, M/o AYUSH
36. Dr. Manisha Verma, ADG (Media), M/o Health and Family Welfare
37. Sh. Shashi K Valiathan, PS to Hon'ble Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs
38. Sh. S. Venkatasubramanian, PPS to Hon'ble Member, NITI Aayog
39. Sh. Suresh Kr Nayak, APS to Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare
40. Ms. Arohi Patel, APS to Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare
41. Sh. Sanjay Aghav, APS to Hon'ble MoS for Health and Family Welfare
42. Sh. Vishal Kumar Gupta, US, Office of Hon'ble MoS for Health and Family Welfare
43. Sh. Chirag Panchal, Asstt. PS to Hon'ble Union Minister of Jal Shakti
44. Ms. Asmita J. Singh, Lead Consultant, M/o Health and Family Welfare
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