

17<sup>th</sup> October 2011

**NOTIFICATION**

**Subject: Naming of Village Health & Sanitation Committee (VHSC) as Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Committee (VHSNC).**

With an aim to involve community in planning, management and monitoring of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) at the grassroot level the Department Notified constitution of Village Health & Sanitation Committee (VHSC) in all Gram Panchayet (GP)/ Village Committee (VC) vide No.F.3(5-295)-FWPM/HFWS/2006/S.I dated 24<sup>th</sup> November 2007. As per latest directive of Government of India, the role of VHSC has been expanded by including 'Nutrition' within its ambit making involvement of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs), ANMs and ASHAs compulsory and hence named the Committee as Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Committee (VHSNC).

2. In pursuance of the above, the Governor has been pleased to rename the Village Health & Sanitation Committees (VHSCs) as Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Committee (VHSNC) of each Gram Panchayet/Village Committee of the State.

3. In addition to the defined activities of VHSC as per NRHM framework of implementation, VHSNC would engage with and monitor status, issues and action pertaining to nutrition in the State. The broadened mandate of VHSNC includes the following activities in addition to the existing mandate of VHSC as under:-

- (i) Create awareness about nutritional issues and significance of nutrition as an important determinant of health.
- (ii) Carry out survey on nutritional status and nutritional deficiencies in the village especially among women and children.
- (iii) Identify locally available food stuffs of high nutrient value as well as disseminate and promote best practices (traditional wisdom) congruent with local culture, capabilities and physical environment through a process of community consultation.
- (iv) Inclusion of nutritional needs in the Village Health Plan – The Committee will do an in-depth analysis of causes of malnutrition at the community and household levels, by involving ANM, AWW, ASHA and ICDS Supervisors.
- (v) Monitoring and Supervision of Village Health and Nutrition Day to ensure that it is organized every month in the village with the active participation of the whole village.
- (vi) Facilitate early detection of malnourished children in the community, tie up referral to the nearest Nutritional Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) as well as follow up for sustained outcome.
- (vii) Supervise the functioning of Anganwadi Centre (AWC) in the village and facilitate its working in improving nutritional status of women and children.
- (viii) Act as grievances redressal forum on health and nutrition issues.

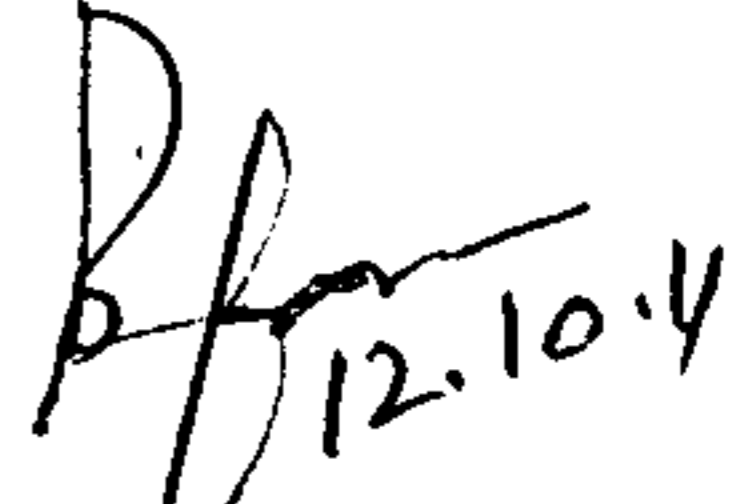
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The VHSNC may meet at least once in a month and submit the resolution of the meeting to the concern MO I/C of the PHC/ CHC/ SDMO and to the CMO.

4. The VHSNC would act as sub-committee of Gram Panchayet/ Village Committee and function under the overall supervision of Gram Panchayet/Village Committee.

5. This issues in line with Order vide Z.18015/8/2011-NRHM-II dated 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011 of Special Secretary & Mission Director (NRHM), Government of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi and in modification to previous Notification of even No. dated 24<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

6. This Order will come into operation with immediate effect.

  
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Deputy Secretary to the  
Government of Tripura

No.F.3 (5-295)-FWPM/HFWS/2006/S.I

17<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Copy to:

1. Director of Health Service, Government of Tripura for kind information.
2. Director of Family Welfare & P.M., Government of Tripura for kind information.
- 3-6 Chief Medical Officer, West Tripura, South Tripura, North Tripura and Dhalai for information and necessary action.
- 7-17 The Sub-divisional Medical Officer, Khowai, Bishalghar, Melaghar/ Amarpur, Belonia, Sabroom/Kanchanpur, Dharmanagar/ Gandacherra, Kamalpur, Longtraai Valley for information and necessary action. They are asked to circulate the same to all Medical Officer-in-charges of PHCs and CHCs falling under their respective jurisdiction.

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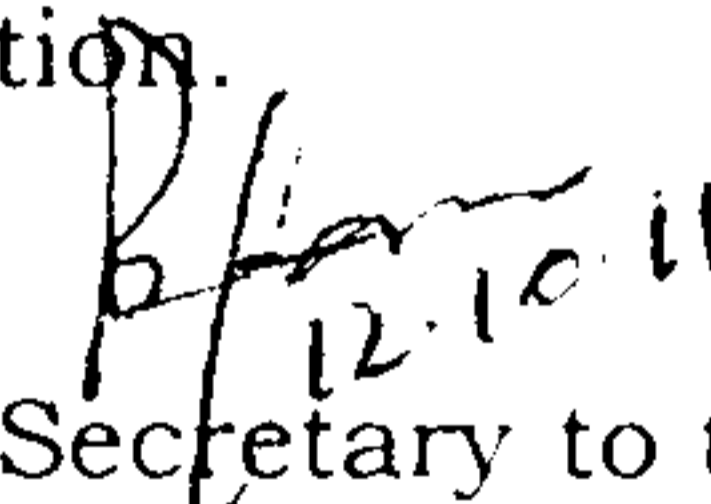
1. PS to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Tripura for kind information of Hon'ble Minister.
2. PS to Hon'ble Minister of Health, Government of Tripura for kind information of Hon'ble Minister.
- 3-6 Hon'ble Zilla Sabhadhipati, Pachim Tripura Zilla Parishad/ Dakshin Tripura Zilla Parishad/ Uttar Tripura Zilla Parishad/ Dhalai Zilla Parishad for kind information.
7. SA & Joint Secretary to the Chief Secretary, Government of Tripura for kind information of the Chief Secretary.

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- 8-11 PS to the Principal Secretary, HFW/ SW&SE/ RD/ PWD(DWS), Government of Tripura for kind information of Principal Secretary.
12. PA to the Mission Director (NRHM), Tripura for kind information of Mission Director.
13. All concerned members of the Technical Team constituted vide Memorandum No.F.3(5-2427)-FWPM/SHFWS/2011 dated 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 of Mission Director (NRHM), Tripura for information and necessary action.
- 14-17 The District Magistrate & Collector, West Tripura/ South Tripura/ North Tripura/ Dhalai for kind information.

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1. PS to the Special Secretary & Mission Director (NRHM), Government of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi-110108 for kind information of Special Secretary & Mission Director (NRHM).
2. Director, Regional Resource Centre for NE States, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, Assam Medical Council Bhawan, Khanapara, Guwahati, Assam-781022 for kind information.

  
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