Records of discussion of the meeting held by Secretary and Mission Director (NRHM), Government of Tripura on 26th February 2013 at 11:00 AM in his Office Chamber, New Secretariat Complex, Agartala regarding plan of action for reduction in the IMR in Tripura.

Following Officers and staff were present in the meeting:-

(i) Dr. R.K. Dhar, Director, Family Welfare & P.M.
(ii) Dr. P. Chatterjee, B.O (P&B), O/o the Dte. of FW & P.M.
(iii) Dr. Ashoke Roy, Member Secretary, SH&FWS, Tripura.
(iv) Sri Tapas Saha, MIS Manager.
(v) Sri K. Sanamatum, NGO Advisor.

2. As per recommendations of the Thirteenth Finance Commission, the Ministry of Finance, Department of Finance, Finance Commission Division have released Incentive Grant-in-aid for Reduction in the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) during the year 2012-13 vide F.31 (2)/FCD/2012 dated 27/12/2012 for the State of Tripura to the tune of Rs.8414.00 Lakh which shall have to be utilized in conformity with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Finance vide their letter No.F.3(1)/FCD/2011 dated 18/05/2011.

3. Plan of Action (POA) for utilization of the Incentive Grant-in-aid was thoroughly discussed in the meeting. After a threadbare discussion, following actions have been suggested for prioritization as under:-

3.1 **Advancement of MCH Service Delivery:-**

3.1.1 To improve MCH services for all beneficiaries captured/ registered under Mother Child Tracking System (MCTS) by ensuring full ANC, INC, PNC and immunization of PW, infants and children at public health facilities.

3.1.2 Provision of mobile phones for each public health facilities to enable real-time update of service delivery data in the MCTS portal. Requirement of Java enabled mobile phones with NIC developed software comes to 1277 [1161 + 116 (10% extra)] for SCs/PHCs/CHCs/SDHs/DHs/SHs which could be further utilized to improve reporting of Maternal Death Review (MDR) intervention and communication system amongst service providers.

3.1.3 Implementation of initiative for SWAN connectivity for extending IT infrastructure up to PHC level to improve timely reporting of data pertaining to health surveillance, report generation and access to information.

3.2 **Infrastructure Development/ Renovation:-**

3.2.1 Renovation/ repair of PHC/ CHC for which fund could not be located under State Plan/ NRHM etc.

3.2.2 Renovation of existing quarters attached with PHC/ CHC.

3.2.3 Renovation of internal electrification and wiring of Health facilities at HSC/ PHC/ CHC.

3.2.4 Upgradation of CHCs and SDHs to First Referral Units (FRUs) through civil construction, posting of skilled manpower, supply of essential equipments and drugs in three years phase.

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3.3 **Capacity Development of Service Providers:-**

3.3.1 To enhance child survival component through Skilled Birth Attendant (SBA), Integrated Management of Neo-natal & Childhood Illness (IMNCI), Facility based IMNCI (F-IMNCI), Navjaat Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (NSSK), Intra-Uterine Contraceptive Device (IUCD) provision for training of Medical and Para-Medical staff and Multi skill Training of MBBS Doctors including orientation of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) on Home Based New Born Care (HBNC) & IMNCI and Anganwadi Workers on IMNCI.

3.3.2 Improvement in ownership of health care services at the community level through two days capacity development plan for PRI functionaries involved through State & District Health Mission, Rogi Kalyan Samities (RKS) and Village Health, Sanitation & Nutrition Committees (VHSNC) at State Institute of Public Administration & Rural Development (SIPARD).

3.3.3 Strengthening of District level Training Centres of SW & SE to enable impart training to ICDS Supervisors/AWWs on health modules as applicable.

3.3.4 Strengthening of ANM Training Centres through renovation and supply of equipments and furnitures for its existing Hostel.

3.4 **Provision of Potable Water Supply, Sanitation & Hygiene:-**

3.4.1 To assess availability of adequate potable water at health facilities especially at PHC, CHC and Health Sub-Centre level and to address gaps by obtaining suggestive solution for the same in case of deficiency. Initially, all PHCs are to be covered with Iron Removal Plant where Deep Tube Well is in place.

3.4.2 Adopting Natural Resource Management mechanism to address scarcity of potable water by construction of Check Dam or Rain Water Harvesting structure as applicable in consultation/ convergence with MGNREGA, local administration, RKS system etc. 80% of the existing Health Sub-Centres (HSC) need to be provisioned with Rain Water Harvesting structure.

3.4.3 To explore contracting out facility based system for disposal of wastes generated at public health facilities as per Infection Management & Environment Plan (IMEP) guidelines by engaging local Self Help Groups (SHGs)/ NGOs/ Cooperative Societies etc. A state specific guideline for contracting out waste disposal services by concerned RKS of PHC, CHC, SDH & DH is to be worked out.

3.5 **Nutrition Supplementation Programme:-**

3.5.1 Support towards implementation of nutrition supplementation programme for all pregnant women, lactating mothers and children at AWCs to address anaemia and low birth weight and undernourishment. The VHNND platform shall have to be explored to provide nutrition supplementation of the target beneficiaries. Protein enriched diets e.g. soya bean could be the key constituent. ASHA, ANM
& AWW shall line list all pregnant women, lactating mothers and children for the purpose. This will be implemented in consultation with SW & SE Department.

3.5.2 Provision for generic medicine of calcium tablets for all pregnant women, lactating mothers and children who need calcium supplementation.

3.6 **Immunization Programme in Urban Slum areas**

3.6.1 To improve immunization status of 0-1 year children in slum areas under Agartala Municipal Council (AMC) with the help of local based NGOs for mobilizing target beneficiaries using MCTS to enable access services through the existing network of 16 Health Sub-centres and 6 Satellite Dispensaries under AMC area.

3.7 **Others**

3.7.1 Improve mobility support of State, District and Sub-division level by replacement of condemned vehicles of three Directorates, four CMOs and all SDMOs with new vehicles. Allotment of new vehicles for four CMOs of newly constituted districts and Mission Directorate for utilization by Mission Director, NRHM.

3.7.2 Strengthening of newly commissioned health facilities (HSC/ PHC/ CHC) through provision of drugs and equipments supply and furniture.

3.7.3 Supply of essential equipments and consumables to diagnose Hep-B at PHC and CHC level.

3.7.4 To support operational cost of 40% during 1st year, 60% during 2nd year and 80% during 3rd year which is required to be borne by the State Government on account of implementation of Emergency Management Service (ERS).

3.7.5 Installation of condom vending machine at 2 SDHs, 10 CHCs and 2 PHCs.

3.7.6 A committee comprising the following officials shall prepare a consolidated project:-

(i) Dr. P. Chatterjee, SSO, IDSP.
(ii) Dr. Ashoke Roy, Member Secretary, SH&FWS, Tripura.
(iii) Smt. Nabanita Dey, Consultant, SH&FWS, Tripura.
(iv) Sri Arindam Saha, State Facilitator, RRC-NES.
(v) Sri Tapas Saha, MIS Manager.
(vi) Sri Konthoujam Sanamatum, NGO Advisor.

4. Meeting ended with thanks to all.

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4. Dr. S.N. Choudhury, B.O. (NRHM), O/o the Dte. of FW & P.M.
5. Dr. B.K. Sen, Medical Officer (RCH).
7. Sri K. Sanamatum, NGO Advisor.

Copy also for information to:-

1. Director of Health Services, Government of Tripura.
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1. PS to the Hon'ble Minster of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Tripura for kind information.
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