MINUTES OF THE MEETING TAKEN BY HON’BLE CHIEF MINISTER ON HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT HELD AT PRAGNA BHAWAN ON 14.9.2014.

A review meeting of Health & Family Welfare Department was held on 14th September, 2014 at Pragna Bhawan, Agartala. Hon’ble Chief Minister, Minister, Health, Chief Secretary were present. The meeting was also attended by the Medical Officers in-charge of PHCs, CHCs, Sub-divisional Hospitals, District Hospitals, State level Hospitals, Chief Medical Officers, Programme Managers of National Programmes and all the Directors of the Department.

2. A presentation was made by the Secretary, Health giving a broad view of status of existing healthcare institutions and human resources, bed strength, medicines, diet, blood banks, performance of Family Welfare Department and State Hospitals. The presentation also highlighted important measures taken during the year to improve healthcare and challenges facing the healthcare institutions and proposed some measures to improve healthcare facilities further in the State.

3. All the CMOs and SDMOs of Gandacherra, Kanchanpur, LT Valley, Amarpur, Sabroom and MOI/Cs of Jampuijala, Jirania, Mohanpur also spoke and gave suggestions to improve the healthcare in the State.

4. The important issues raised by CMOs and SDMOs relate to posting of two MPWs in each Health Sub-Centres, posting of Specialists in District and Sub-divisional Hospitals, problems with Ambulances, shortage of vehicles, shortage of ministerial staff and requirement of repairs of hospitals and lack of staff quarters.

5. Hon’ble Chief Minister advised the following during his remarks:

i) Doctors should pay more attention to the concerns of patients and explain the line of treatment for better understanding between the patients and the doctors.

ii) Doctors have to play important role in delivering quality healthcare services in the State. Health Minister may hold a meeting with Doctors at Agartala to hear their suggestions on improving delivery system in the State.
iii) The Department should pay more attention to the cleanliness and hygiene in the hospitals. Cleanliness for 24X7 should be made in all tertiary hospitals and at least two times cleaning in rest of the hospitals with emergency cleaning arrangements.

iv) The provision of diet with several categories is good. However, the Department should ensure that quality diet is maintained and the Department should put in place a system for ensuring diet supplied to the patients is pre-assessed by the staff working in the hospitals.

v) There are many facilities and equipment in the hospitals. These should be fully utilized by the staff for better healthcare facilities.

vi) The Department may take special efforts to set up Super Specialty services in Kidney and heart in the State. If necessary, by bringing Specialists from outside the State in G.B.P. Hospital and TMC & Dr. BRAM Teaching Hospital.

vii) The Department should take up 100% coverage of immunization and institutional delivery, ante-natal checkup and post-natal checkup and IFA Tab to the pregnant women and children.

viii) Blood banks may be established in a phased manner in Sub-divisonal hospitals of LT Valley, Kanchanpur, Gandacherra, Karbook and Sabroom.

ix) Proposal for construction of one Sub-divisional hospital out of the proposed six may be sent to the Planning & Coordination Department within one week for placement of fund.

x) The existing PHCs/CHCs should be strengthened with all facilities.

xi) Training should be provided to the Doctors, Para-medics and Nurses and also the training capacity of institutions for producing Nurses, MPWs and Para-Medics should be assessed and increased, if required, to meet the needs of the State. If need be, training also should be organized abroad in specialist areas.

xii) The Department should also examine whether it is possible to mandate minimum service of five years for sponsored candidates for study of MBBS/MD Course.
6. Minister, Health & Family Welfare advised that MO I/Cs should also hold monthly meetings with all the MPWs and ASHAs and review performance of immunization, institutional delivery and other public health issues.

6.1 DDT Spray Teams may be re-organized as per need in consultation with PRIs.

6.2 Rogi Kalyan Samiti (RKS) should be reconstituted since many changes have taken places. The RKS should be made more active and regular meetings should be held by all the healthcare institutions.

6.3 PRIs should be involved in planning and implementation of healthcare schemes and programmes in the State. Officers should regularly attend the meeting of PRIs and seek their help and assistance to implement Health Department’s programmes more effectively.

6.4 100% coverage of immunization, institutional deliveries, ANC/PNC should be achieved.

7. Chief Secretary mentioned that every PHC should have some target to reduce IMR and MMR within their jurisdiction. PHC should also take initiative to prevent under-nourishment of children and mothers and ensure laws relating to sex determination are enforced. The Department also may take measures to reduce ‘out of pocket’ expenses and to adequate supply of medicines.

8. Secretary, Health & Family Welfare has responded to many issues/suggestions and informed that the endeavour of the Department is to provide at least two MPWs—one male and another female to each Health Sub-Centre. However, with the existing strength, Government can only provide one MPW. As and when Government completes the recruitment process, efforts will be made to provide two MPWs in a phased manner to all the Health Sub-Centres.

8.1 Secretary, Health & Family Welfare further informed that steps have been taken to provide required equipment to all PHCs/CHCs, Radiological services to District and Sub-divisional hospitals.
xiii) Percentage of deaths in all the institutions for admitted patients may be collected and sent.

xiv) The time schedule for completion of new buildings in GBP and IGM Hospitals should be set and monitored by the Health Department regularly.

xv) Inspection of healthcare institutions should be done starting from the Secretary of the Department to MOI/C of PHC/CHC.

xvi) National Health Mission should be managed well. Proper utilization of funds and recruitment of skilled persons is required.

xvii) GDA designation should be changed. Their duties and responsibilities should be more clearly specified.

xviii) Data Resource Centre should be set up as proposed immediately.

xix) The Health Camps currently on should be continued till malaria is fully brought under control.

xx) The total requirement of Nurses, MPWs and Drivers in the Health & Family Welfare Department should be assessed and processed for approval.

xxi) The assessment of requirement of Doctors made by the Department appears to be high. Secretary, Health may re-examine the requirement.

xxii) Ambulances should be ensured in interior hospitals along with drivers.

xxiii) Requirement of quarters should be assessed by the Health & Family Welfare Department and a meeting may be held with the PWD. If required, a proposal may be sent to the Planning & Coordination Department for placement of funds.

xviii) "Mayer Ghar" construction should be completed.

xix) For referral of patients, ILS Hospital should be given preference.

xx) Faculty in Medical Colleges should be arranged to impart quality education.
8.2 He stated that in order to encourage performance at G.P. level, an incentive to
GPs achieving 100% immunization, institutional delivery, ANC, PNC, etc. will be given to
all the MPWs and ASHAs in the villages. Guidelines will be issued by Director, Family
Welfare & PM.

8.3 CMOs should submit the monthly report in the format without fail so that issues,
problems being faced by healthcare institutions could be addressed effectively by all the
Directors.

8.4 Second round DDT spray should be completed in all the districts. Medicines for
impregnation of mosquito nets is being purchased and CMOs should organize GP-wise
impregnation of mosquito nets with the medicines to be supplied by Director, Family
Welfare & PM.

8.5 VHND meetings should be held regularly by all the CMOs. Regular
visit/monitoring by MOI/Cs is very important.

8.6 The duties and responsibilities of MOI/Cs of each PHC/CHC, Sub-divisional
Hospital and District Hospitals will be issued shortly. The officers should perform
their duties as per guidelines.

8.7 SPO, NVBDCP should take preventive action in case of propagated outbreak of
Malaria.

8.8 PD, TSACS should organize workshops with PRIs.

8.9 Director, Family Welfare should allocate funds regularly to all PHCs/CHCs.

8.10 Director, Health Services will organize training programme on handling medico-
legal cases and also examine all sexual assault cases. He will also organize training
programme for the recently recruited Doctors.

The meeting ended thereafter.

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1-8. The Chief Medical Officer (West, Agartala/ Khowai/ Gomati, Udaipur/ Sepahijala, Bishalgarh/ South, Belonia/ Unakoti, Kailasahar/ North, Dharmanagar/ Dhalai, Ambassa). They are requested to circulate a copy of minutes to all Medical Officer In-charge, PHCs/CHCs.

9-19. The Sub-Divisional Medical Officer, (Melagarh/Khowai/Bishalgarh/Belonia/ Amarpur/ Sabroom/Gandacherra/Kamalpur/Longtharai Valley/Dharmanganar/ Kanchanpur).


30-31. The Member Secretary (State Health & Family Welfare Society/ Tripura State Blood Transfusion Council), Agartala.

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