RESOLUTION

The Government has resolved to launch the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) as a sub-mission under an overarching National Health Mission (NHM) for providing quality primary healthcare services to the urban population, especially the urban poor and other vulnerable sections of the society. The Mission is to be launched in all cities/towns with a population of more than 50,000, all district headquarters and state capital. Towns with a population below 50,000 will be covered under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), the other sub-mission of the National Health Mission.

2. National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) aims to provide the health status of the urban population, particularly the slum dwellers and other vulnerable sections by facilitating equitable access to quality health care with the active involvement of the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs). It proposes to achieve its objectives by developing appropriate public health delivery system across cities/towns with provisions for creating new infrastructure where none exists, strengthening the existing primary public health systems, entering into partnership with for-profit and not-for-profit private sector, improving access and building community capacity through community level institutions like Mahila Arogya Samiti (MAS) and link workers called Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA), capacity building of key stakeholders like ULBs, and by making special provision for inclusion of the most vulnerable amongst the poor.

3. The National Urban Health Mission would use the institutional structures already created under NRHM at the state and district levels for operationalization of the NHM and sub-mission of the NUHM. However, in order to provide dedicated focus to issues relating to urban health, the institutional mechanisms under the NRHM at various levels would be strengthened for NUHM implementation. The existing governance structures and financial mechanisms existing under the NRHM would also serve NUHM as well.
At the State level the State Health Mission under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minster, the Governing Body of State Health & Family Welfare Society, Tripura under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, the Executive Committee of State Health & Family Welfare Society, Tripura under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare and the State Programme Management Support Unit (SPMSU) under the Mission Director will be responsible for providing overall guidance and taking important decisions. The Minister of Urban Development & Housing will be included in the already existing State Health Mission.

At the State level, an Urban Health Cell (UHC) would be created to facilitate and monitor implementation of NUHM.

To enhance the program management capacity at State level, the State Programme Management Support Unit (SPMSU) of the NRHM would be strengthened.

In addition to the above, at the District Health Mission under NRHM and District Health & Family Welfare Society of concerned District will use the existing structure with additional stakeholder members.

4. As NRHM & NUHM would be two components of the National Health Mission, Mission Director, NRHM would also look after the sub-mission of NUHM in addition to the existing NRHM. State Mission Director, NRHM would be Mission Director, National Health Mission encompassing both the sub-missions of NRHM and NUHM.

5. The Mission Directorate has been vested with adequate administrative and financial powers to enable it to achieve the agreed outcomes under the overall guidance of Executive Committee of State Health & Family Welfare Society, Tripura and State Health Mission. Mission Director, NHM is vested with administrative and financial powers as approved by the State Health Mission. Additionally, the Mission will also have the power to frame its own rules and procedures as approved by the State Health Mission in conjunction with guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare from time to time.

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