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Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Immunization Division

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 15 September, 2017

To,
The Principal Secretary
(Health and Family Welfare)
All States

Subject: National Immunization Days (NIDs) for Polio for the year 2018.

Sir/Madam,


India has completed more than six years since last case of wild poliovirus was reported in 2011. However, country remains at risk of poliovirus importation till the whole world is free of polio virus. To maintain the polio-free status and as per the recommendations of the India Expert Advisory Group (IEAG) on Polio, National Immunization Days are to be conducted covering all the children in the age group 0 - 5 years of age.

In this regard, it has been decided to conduct National Immunization Days for polio for the year 2018 on 28th January, 2018 and 11th March, 2018 with bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine (bOPV). The preparedness in terms of revising microplans, IEC campaigns, capacity building of health providers and special emphasis on migrant and slum population should be initiated in advance. At this stage of polio eradication programme, high quality preparedness and monitoring during NIDs is one of the most critical elements of the programme.

The release orders for vaccines and operational funds will be issued in due course of time. You may utilize the available saving under Pulse Polio / RCH flexipool for the operational cost of NID as per guidelines.

I solicit your kind support to issue necessary instructions to all concerned for successful implementation of NIDs in 2018.

Yours faithfully


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