



भारत सरकार
स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय
निर्माण भवन, नई दिल्ली - 110108
Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi - 110108

G. C. CHATURVEDI, IAS

Additional Secretary &
Mission Director (NRHM)
Tele : 23061451 Fax : 23061975
E-mail : chaturvedi_gc@nic.in

D.O. N-20020/2/2008-Stats (M&E)
Dated: 10th November, 2008

Dear Secretary,

You are aware that an efficient Health Management Information System (HMIS) is essential for monitoring the ongoing programme interventions in the State/Country. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been taking steps to establish such a system for national level monitoring and also to help the States in building effective HMIS at State, district and lower levels. The Ministry has developed a comprehensive set of formats that would provide useful information at all levels. These formats have already been sent to the States vide my letter of even number dated September 09, 2008 and the same are also available on the website of the Ministry of Health and Family welfare (www.mohfw.nic.in).

2. The Department has developed a web based data entry portal (<http://nrhm-mis.nic.in>) which would provide analysis of data on some specific indicators, once the data is entered at the District level. Training of trainers from the State Governments for use of this portal was organized on 21st and 22nd October, 2008. Our endeavour is to get district level consolidated monthly information for the year 2008-09 through this portal by the end of December, 2008. Before forwarding and commenting the information, the States have to satisfy themselves about the figures reported and their accuracy.

3. To facilitate implementation, NHSRC has been entrusted with the task of providing training and support to States and ensuring that information is posted on time on the HMIS web portal.

4. NHSRC has an open source software also capable of handling local level information needs including data entry and analysis. It is amenable to specific customization and can support GIS applications. It is also available to States from NHSRC **for free**. States willing to make use of it for Blocks/Facilities may avail the services of NHSRC for implementing it. The HMIS formats to be used in this software are compatible with the Ministry's format. This software has the provision to electronically post the data from Blocks/Facilities, compiled through it at the district level, directly on the national HMIS portal.

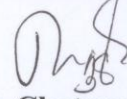
5. States have to organize trainings with their PIP funds for making the HMIS functional. In these trainings, resource persons from the Ministry and NHSRC will attend at their own cost. The training shall take care of all reporting formats, explain the line listing approach and include training on the national HMIS portal with facilities available through it. I would request you to chalk out the training plan and inform the details immediately at hmis-nrhm@nic.in and nhsrc.india@gmail.com.

Healthy Village, Healthy Nation

6. I request you to kindly take urgent steps to make the system functional at the earliest as monthly district-wise consolidated information is to be loaded on the national portal by December, 2008. Since most of the data elements in new HMIS formats are same as old formats, States should not find it difficult to upload data on the web portal. Quarterly and Annual information may follow thereafter by March, 2009.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(G.C. Chaturvedi)

To

**Principal Secretaries/Secretaries (Health & Family Welfare) of
All State Governments/UTs**