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Secretary

Dear Chief Secretary,

At the outset, I would like to compliment you and your team for the incessant efforts in implementation of various new initiatives under Ayushman Bharat. As you are aware, Government of India in partnership with the state governments has been working tirelessly to stop transmission of Leprosy disease in the community and reduce the associated disabilities by detecting cases at an early stage, under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP). We launched a bouquet of innovative interventions under NLEP from 2016 to 2017, such as the Leprosy Case Detection Campaign (LCDC), the Focused Leprosy Campaign (FLC) and the Sparsh Leprosy Awareness Campaign (SLAC). These have given the much-needed impetus to early detection of leprosy cases and the rising trend of Grade II disability due to leprosy has now reversed. The Grade II disability per million which was 4.46/ million population as on March, 2016 has been decreased to 3.34/ million population as on March, 2018.

Inspired by the success achieved during last two years and to pay fitting tribute to the Father of Nation, Mahatma Gandhi ji, on his 150th Birth Anniversary, we wish to set the goal of reducing Grade II disability due to leprosy to less than 1 case/ million population and zero backlog of eligible patients requiring Re-constructive Surgeries.

In view of the above, this year ministry is implementing a yearlong comprehensive campaign called 'Sparsh Leprosy Elimination Campaign (SLEC)'. Major components of the SLEC are as below -

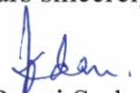
1. Two rounds of Leprosy Case Detection Campaigns (LCDC) in 251 identified districts with high incidence of grade 2 disabilities due to leprosy, in 25 states and UTs, with first round of LCDC in September & October 2018 and second round of LCDC in February 2019.
2. Focused Leprosy Campaigns (FLC) in non-LCDC districts in villages\wards where a new case of Grade-II Disability was detected in 2017 or is detected in the current year.
3. Sparsh Leprosy Awareness Campaign –Wherein Nationwide Gram\Ward Sabhas are to be organized to spread awareness regarding Leprosy signs, symptoms, treatment, rehabilitation and removal of stigma.
4. Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation – need based distribution of self-care kits & MCR footwear and backlog clearance of patients requiring reconstructive surgeries.

The detailed month-wise activity schedule of the Campaign has already been shared with the concerned programme officers to take necessary action. I request you to kindly personally monitor the implementation of the SLEC and leave no stone unturned to achieve the envisaged target of the campaign.

Looking forward for kind cooperation.

with regards,

Yours sincerely,


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Chief Secretaries of all States