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Dear Colleague,

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I wish to compliment the state teams for their hard work and commitment towards implementation of the National Leprosy Eradication Program. However, you would agree that the task is still unfinished & we need to give a final push to achieve Leprosy free India. You are aware that the Nation shall commemorate 150th Birth Anniversary of Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, on October 2nd 2019. Leprosy elimination was a subject close to heart of Mahatma Gandhi. Hence, elimination of Leprosy as planned under Sparsh Leprosy Awareness Campaign (SLEC) by October 2nd, 2019, would be a true homage to the Father of the Nation.

WHO has recently released guidelines for diagnosis, treatment & prevention of leprosy, wherein, post exposure prophylaxis has been recommended. Accordingly, it has been decided to launch post exposure prophylaxis nationwide for all contacts of leprosy cases detected with effect from 2nd Oct 2018. Contacts of all existing cases as on that date and future cases, may need to be given Single Dose Rifampicin (SDR) prophylaxis as part of NLEP.

Further, "Guidelines for the Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention of Leprosy" may be downloaded for reference. Rifampicin as per requirement may be procured from head G1.4 (material & supply supportive & preventive medicine). Central Leprosy Division will continue to monitor the implementation of SDR chemoprophylaxis as reported by States/UTs in the Monthly Progress Report (MPR).

For any further clarification in this regard, Dr. Rupali Roy DADG (Lep) may be contacted via email rupalidagd16@gmail.com

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