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DO. No. Z. 28020/07/2010-PMS Dated: \GammaMay-11

To,
The Secretary
Punjab Paramedical Council, Mohali
S.C.O.37, Opp ESI Hospital,
Phase-7, Inds. Area, Mohali

Dear Sir / Madam

- 1. Kindly refer to DO letter No Z 28020/07/2010-PMS dated 13th April 2011 (copy enclosed for ready reference) from Sh Debasish Panda, Jt Secretary. MoHFW, Govt of India addressed to the Secretary (HFW) of your state regarding the "National Initiative for Allied Health Services" (augmenting paramedical capacity through benchmarking standards and strengthening institutions for paramedical education). As part of the initiative the Gol proposes to establish national & regional institutes of paramedical sciences & support medical colleges for expanding capacity for conducting paramedical/allied health courses. Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) is supporting this initiative and has been mandated to develop benchmarks after undertaking detailed situational review.
- PHFI is conducting field survey and assessment of availability, deficiency, and demand of allied health service professionals in various specialities in the country, both in public & private sector. PHFI is also conducting a survey for mapping various aspects of pedagogy for the paramedical courses being run in the country.
- 3. PHFI has developed a tool titled 'Questionnaire for National Initiative for Allied Health Services' for undertaking the situational analysis and you are requested to assist in the task. The tool has been designed to collate the information pertaining to the training pedagogy of major medical colleges and private institutes conducting paramedical courses. The questionnaire focuses on the courses being conducted, syllabus therein, details of infrastructure, faculty and training aids being used. This would form basis for one of the key project deliverables of developing the benchmarks for inputs for paramedical courses.

- 4. You are requested to provide information as per the questionnaire at the earliest to Public Health Foundation of India, ISID Campus, Plot No. 4, Institutional Area, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi- 110070. The soft copy of the questioner shall be emailed to you as soon as you request for it through an email to niahs2011@gmail.com. The filled up form may then be returned to the same email address.
- 5. Kindly note that the information submitted by you shall be used ONLY for situational analysis which is for academic purpose. The information shall remain confidential and shall not be shared with any person or agency for any purpose at all. Your cooperation will be highly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me for any clarifications on the subject at email address niahs2011@gmail.com.

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely

Aparna Sharma

Encl:

- Copy of DO letter No Z 28020/07/2010-PMS dated 13th April 2011 from Sh Debasish Panda, Jt Secretary. MoHFW, Govt of India addressed to the Secretary (HFW) of the state.
- 2. Questioner for National Initiative for Allied Health Services

Copy to:

The Principal Secretary, Health and Medical Education, for information with kind request to kindly support the initiative, with reference of letter no Z 28020/07/2010-PMS dated 13th April 2011 from MoHFW, please.

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NIRMAN BHAVAN, NEW DELHI - 110108

D. O. No. Z.28020/07/2010-PMS Dated the ¹⁷³ April, 2011

Dear Sir

Please refer to my earlier D.O. letters dated 9th September, 2010 and 28th October, 2010 circulating the guidelines for assistance under the "Manpower Development Component" through one time grant for supporting State Govt. Medical Colleges to start/increase the intake of students in various paramedical streams. So far very few proposals have been received from the various States.

- 2. I would request you to kindly expedite the requisite proposals at the earliest so that the scheme is operationalised within this plan period for augmenting the availability of paramedics in the country. In this connection, I am also enclosing copy of the **Memorandum of Understanding** to be executed between State Govt. and Govt. of India for release of funds under the scheme to facilitate necessary approvals in respect of the proposals already forwarded.
- 3. Further as part of this initiative, a detailed review of the existing paradigms in paramedical education is being undertaken. The **Public Health Foundation of India** (PHFI) is assisting the Govt. of India in this initiative under which expert groups are being constituted to visit key institutions for collecting / collating information regarding requirements, demand & availability of paramedic cadres, methodology of teaching & inputs in education and training including infrastructure, equipment, training materials, training HR, pedagogy, regulatory frameworks etc. The information collected by the teams shall help us develop the relevant content, ToT protocols and benchmarks for various paramedical disciplines.
- 4. I also take this opportunity to request you to direct the officials concerned to support the initiative and assist in collecting/collating the information regarding various components of

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Debasish Panda

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To

Sh. Satish Chandra Pr. Secretary (Health & FW) Govt. of Punjab Room No. 624, Mini Secretariat Sector-9, Chandigarh