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Sub: Minutes of Meeting of State Supervisory Board, Delhi State under PC & PNDT Act held on 5.10.2015

Sir / Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith the Minutes of Meeting of State Supervisory Board under PC & PNDT Act held on 5.10.2015 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare. This issues with prior approval of competent authority.

Yours truly,

(Dr. Shalley Kamra)
SPO, PNDT

Encl: Minutes of Meeting

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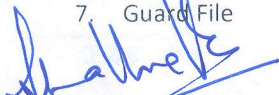
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6. All Chief District Medical Officers.
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Minutes of the Meeting of State Supervisory Board held on 5.10.2015

A meeting of State Supervisory Board was held on 5.10.2015 at 3.00 PM under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Health Minister. The list of Participants is at Annexure I.

Hon'ble Health Minister welcomed the newly appointed members of State Supervisory Board. The meeting started with a brief round of introduction. A presentation was made by SPO, PNDT and it was informed that Sex Ratio at birth has increased by another 1 point in 2014. A brief presentation over the status of implementation of the PC & PNDT Act in Delhi was also made. Hon'ble Health Minister said that we need to do some out of box thinking to address the serious issue apart from inspections of registered centers.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of minutes of last meeting.

- a. **Anonymous complaints:** - The board was apprised that complaint boxes have been installed at various prominent places in few districts and rest of the districts are in process of installing the same.

A separate email ID pndt.delhi@gov.in has been created and widely advertised so that anybody can send complaints under PC & PNDT Act.

It was suggested by Hon'ble Health Minister that a separate website should also be created for lodging complaints. Further he suggested a toll free number to be obtained from MTNL where complaint related to sex selection, sex selective abortions and illegal ultrasound centers can be registered. A system of SMS may also be generated.

- b. **Incentives to ASHAs:** The board was apprised that incentives to ASHA will be given @ Rs. 1000/- on birth of first girl child (Rs. 500/- on the birth & Rs. 500/- on full immunization). ASHAs will be given an incentive of Rs. 2000/- on birth of second girl child (Rs. 1000/- on the birth & Rs. 1000/- on full immunization). This will ensure proper counseling of the family on gender equality and girl child survival by ASHAs.

This was appreciated by board.

- c. **Form - F online:-** The board was informed that security audit for software has been completed and Form F online will be launched in a weeks' time. Hon'ble Health Minister directed SPO to create an application so that Form F can be filled through mobile phone also.
- d. **Strengthening of State Cell:-** Hon'ble Health Minister, Chairperson was apprised that a file for strengthening team with manpower & power to seal and seizure is under process. Hon'ble Health Minister directed Secretary, Health & Family Welfare to expedite the same.
- e. **Incentives to Informers:-** The board was informed that Rs. 1 Lakh will be given to informers giving information about sex selection, sex selective abortion and illegal centers and USG machines. SPO, PNDT apprised the board members that in State of Haryana, informers are given Rs. 1 lac. On filing of a complaint by informer, the team inspects the concerned center

along with the informer and once the complaint is found true, violations detected and FIR lodged, thereafter three officers shall verify the success of the operation and Rs. 1 lakh will be given to the informer by cheque.

Hon'ble Health Minister directed SPO, PNDD to arrange a meeting with Haryana officials and finalize the modalities at earliest. The board members were also of opinion that Rs. 1 Lakh is an appreciable amount and will motivate people to lodge complaints.

- f. **Issue of 3D / 4D ultrasound machines:-** A meeting was held with Gynecologists & Radiologists & manufacturers, it was conveyed by all that 2D ultrasound machines are equally capable of sex determination vis-a-vis 3D and 4D ultrasound machines, hence, it was decided that restricting / banning the use of 3D /4D ultrasound machines will not be of any help to improve sex ratio. The board approved the same.
- g. **Action Taken Report on the Complaint submitted by Dr. Duggal :** - Dr. Duggal (Ex-member SSB) had submitted a complaint against Dr. D.K. Datar that the center is doing sex selection and not filling Form F. He also submitted an ultrasound report and informed that Form F was not filled up for that patient. The State Team had visited the center and found that Form F were not filled for 13 ultrasound reports and the records of the center was not maintained as per PC & PNDD Act. Records were seized & USG machine was sealed.
- h. **Adverse sex ratio in hospitals** (Data received from MCD): Analysis of Sex ratio at birth of hospitals and nursing home on basis of data received form MCD, the board was apprised that one center was sealed on adverse sex ratio in North-West district by State team.

Hon'ble Health Minister directed SPO, PNDD that a show cause notice is to be served to all Private / Public hospitals within three days which are having adverse sex ratio. A copy of the same is to be given to DGHS for necessary action.

Agenda Item No. 2:

Reports of the respective District Appropriate Authority. (Report Annexure II): It was observed by the board that the numbers of inspections done by districts are very less and Hon'ble Health Minister directed SPO, PNDD that an explanation may be sought by State Appropriate Authority from all the District Appropriate Authorities to explain as to why the expected target of inspections are not being carried out. Further accountability should be fixed for not meeting the target and pendency in filing of court cases.

Mrs. Debjani Khan emphasized the need that at state level all files related to sealing and seizure should be examined as to why court cases have not been filed and wherever court cases are filed an analysis of complaints filed and progress of court cases should be done. Dr. Ravinder Kaur requested SPO, PNDD to share all details of inspections where the sealing and seizure have been done especially in West District and North West District.

Secy. (H&FW) directed SPO, PNDD to ensure that CDMO's / Nodal Officers should place an action plan for inspections on file to District Appropriate Authority and submit a report at the end of

month giving total number of inspections done and giving reasons for not meeting the expected target.

Hon'ble Health Minister emphasized that the inspections at district level should be detailed and stringent.

Agenda Item no. 3:

Maintenance of records at O.P.D clinics where ANC services are being given:- SPO, PNNT apprised the board that referral slips generated by Obstetricians / Doctors providing Ante Natal Services in private sector are mandatorily required by the pregnant women to get an ultrasound done. This referral slip must contain indication for which the ultrasound is advised. This referral slip is attached with Form F by radiologist who is performing an ultrasound on pregnant women and is deposited every month to the District Appropriate Authority. It is usually observed while inspecting centers registered under PC & PNNT Act (ultrasound centers) in suspicious cases the clinics of gynecologists/ Doctors who are generating referral slips are also inspected but, no records are maintained by Gynecologist / Obstetrician in these clinics. It was proposed that all doctors who are providing antenatal services at clinics, nursing home and hospitals (Pvt. & Govt.) shall maintain records of Ante Natal cases and a duplicate copy of referral slip. This will ensure that no false referral slips are generated at ultrasound centers and maintenance of proper ante natal records and referral slips will ensure that no ultrasound is advised without indication. Dr. Girish Tyagi from Delhi Medical council agreed on this and suggested the state to provide a proforma on which all doctors will maintain ante natal records. This will help in effective implementation of PC & PNNT Act. *The board appreciated and approved the same.*

Agenda Item No. 4

Issues related to MTP Act (Reporting of Dilatation and curettage procedures and Regulation MTP drugs.): SPO, PNNT apprised the board, that pregnancies can be detected using a pregnancy card at home and in case sex selection is done, the pregnant lady takes oral MTP drugs without prescription from Drug Store / chemist and in some cases it leads to incomplete abortion. Since incomplete abortion is not covered under MTP Act and a procedure called dilatation and curettage is done to evacuate products of conception. All such cases are not reported to government department. Dr. Kusum Jindal (Gyane) and Dr. Anuradha (HOD, AAA) agreed .

The board agreed and approved that oral MTP drugs mifepristone and misoprostol (Schedule H) should not be available over the counter and should be given only on prescription and all accounts, as per Drug & Cosmetic Act and Policy, should be maintained at all levels wherever these drugs are supplied. Further all cases of Dilatation & Curettage should be reported to State.

Agenda Item No. 5

Regulation & Record checking of IVF centers and surrogacy clinics:- Draft guidelines of ICMR for IVF are available on website and annexed here (Annexure III). Regulation & records checking of IVF

centers and surrogacy clinics should be done by nodal officers of PC & PNDT Act within the ambit of the Act. The board was apprised that out of 40 IVF centers 34 centers have sent delivery report to state on the performa formulated by Directorate of Family Welfare. It is observed that the total deliveries conducted through IVF is 654, and the outcome is 345 Male, 309 Female. Further all IVF centers showing adverse ratio will be monitored by State Team. A close monitoring of IVF centers to check pre conception sex selection was appreciated. Hon'ble Health Minister directed to incorporate IVF centers in Delhi Health Act.

Agenda Item No. 6

Installation of CCTV Cameras, Active trackers, GPS into ultrasound machines: – The suggestion to install CCTV camera with recorder on entrance point of ultrasound room was appreciated by the board. Dr. Arun Gupta suggested that at least 3 months recording should be made mandatory. On the issue of active tracker, GPS installation in ultrasound machines, SPO, PNDT referred to the order of High Court of Rajasthan in the matter of S.K. Gupta Vs. Union of India & Ors., Civil Writ Petition No. 3270/2012 order dated 15.4.15, wherein, Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan had issued following directions: *"A GPS will be required to be attached to check the location of the ultrasound sonography machine. Every manufacturer will install a GPS system at the time of sale of machine for tracing the location of the ultrasound sonography machine. The active trackers installed on sonography machines are of no use until the control rooms are established and a nodal officer is appointed for continuous monitoring of control room servers."*

It was agreed by all that a system of active trackers and GPS may be studied at Rajasthan (Jaipur) by a team of 5-6 officers for understanding the gaps at earliest.

Agenda Item No. 7

I.D proof mandatory for ultrasonography:- It was decided in the State supervisory board that an I.D proof should be made mandatory for getting an ultrasound and any other Pre conception and Pre Natal Diagnostic test and procedures done.

Agenda Item No. 8

Designated courts and judicial trainings:- The Hon'ble Health Minister agreed that one court should be designated in each District Court for PC & PNDT Cases and judicial officers should be sensitized on issue of PC & PNDT Act. Secy. (H& FW) agreed to take this matter urgently.

SPO, PNDT informed the board that in few State, govt. lady police officials who are pregnant are acting as decoy and are paid for this activity Secretary (H&FW) appreciated the idea and directed SPO, PNDT to arrange a meeting with DCPs and SHOs to implement this in Delhi.

MLA Bhawan Gaur, apprised the board that volunteers can be provided by her to be a part of PC & PNDT inspection team to be used as informer and Decoy operations.

Hon'ble Health Minister directed SPO, PNDT to strengthen the system with more doctors, vehicles, Home guards and panel of advocates for effective monitoring, filing of court cases and increased convictions. He invited inputs and suggestions from all members for effective implementation of PC & PNDT Act.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Annexure I

List of participants:

Hon'ble Minister of Health, Chairperson

1. Mr. Amar Nath, Secretary (Health & Family Welfare), Vice Chairperson
2. Ms. Renu Love, Department of Women & Child Development, Member
3. Mr. Brijesh Sethi, Principal Secretary (Department of Law, Justice & LA), Member
4. Dr. L. Upreti, Department of Radiology, GTB Hospital, Member
5. Dr. M.M.A. Faridi, Department of Pediatrics, GTB Hospital, Member
6. Dr. Sunil Bhatnagar, DHS, Member
7. Dr. Anuradha Khanna, Aruna Asaf Hospital, Member
8. Dr. Kusum Jindal, Citizen Hospital, Member
9. Ms. Smita Khanijow, Action Aid, Member
10. Dr. Anju Garg, Department of Radio Diagnosis, MAMC, Member
11. Ms. Parmila Tokas, MLA, Member
12. Ms. Ravinder Kaur, Department of Humanities & Social sciences, Member
13. Dr. Arun Gupta, Member
14. Ms. Bhawana Gaur, MLA, Palam, Member
15. Ms. Debjani Khan, Plan India, Member
16. Ms. Sushma Singh, Deputy Secretary (Department of Law, Justice & LA)
17. Mr. Abdul Aleem, Chief Prosecutor (West District), Directorate of Prosecution
18. Dr. Girish Tyagi, DMC
19. Dr. Shalley Kamra, SPO, PNDD
20. Dr. Neeta Agarwal, MO, PNDD