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Ministry of Human Resource Development  
Department of School Education & Literacy

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New Delhi, the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012

To

1. The Chairman  
Central Board of Secondary Education  
"Shiksha Kendra",  
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Preet Vihar, Delhi
2. Mr. Gerry Arathoon  
Chief Executive & Secretary  
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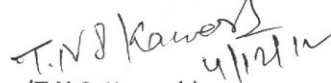
Subject: 'Central Steering Committee for Measles Catch-up campaign' –  
Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at Nirman Bhawan.

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the letter dated 26.09.2012 received from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Immunization Division, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi requesting to support the Measles Catch-up campaign.

You are requested to kindly give your comments/action taken report on the Measles Catch-up Campaign to this department immediately.

Yours faithfully

  
(T.N.S. Kamesh)  
Section Officer

Encl.: As above.

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Government of India  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
Immunization Division

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Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2012

To,  
The Joint Secretary,  
Secondary Education,  
Ministry of HRD,  
Government of India

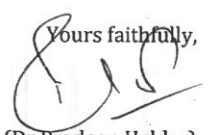
to JS (SEI)

**Subject: Draft Letters for support of Measles Catch-up Campaign**

Madam,

Please refer to the OM of this ministry dated 21<sup>st</sup> August 2012 regarding invitation to the Meeting of 'Central Steering Committee for Measles Catch-up campaign'. The minutes of the meeting have been circulated and a copy of it is enclosed.

As discussed during the meeting, please find enclosed a suggestive draft letters for communication to the State counterparts for extending support to the Measles Catch-up campaign.

Yours faithfully,  
  
(Dr. Pradeep Halder)  
Deputy Commissioner (Immunization)

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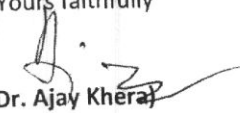
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2012

**Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Central steering committee for Measles catch-up campaign held on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 at Nirman Bhawan.**

Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith the minutes of the meeting of Central steering committee for Measles catch-up campaign held on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2012, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi under the chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (RCH).

Yours faithfully

  
(Dr. Ajay Khera)

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(Child Health & Immunization)  
& Member secretary  
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To,

- 1) Dr. Veer Bhushan, Joint Secretary, IRCS
- 2) Dr. Jagvir Singh, Addl. Director & NPO, IDSP
- 3) Ms. C.V Sarada, Under Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- 4) Mr. Sushil Agrawala, Lion Club, International
- 5) Mr. K.M Goyal, Lion Club, International
- 6) Dr. Arindam Ray, WHO – NPSP
- 7) Ms. Preeti Das, UNICEF

Copy to,

- 1) Dr. Pradeep Haldar, Deputy commissioner, Immunization
- 2) Dr. M.K. Agarwal, Deputy commissioner, Immunization
- 3) Dr. Bhrigu Kapuria, Consultant Immunization
- 4) PPS to AS & MD
- 5) PPS to JS(RCH)
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**CENTRAL STEERING COMMITTEE FOR MEASLES  
CATCH-UP CAMPAIGN**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**24<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

A meeting of the Central Steering Committee for Measles Catch-up campaign was held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012 under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (RCH) to share the achievement made so far and the next steps for the upcoming Phase 3. The following members attended the meeting:

1. Dr. Ajay Khera, Deputy Commissioner (CH&I)
2. Dr. Pradeep Haldar, Deputy Commissioner (I)
3. Dr. M K Aggarwal, Deputy Commissioner (I)
4. Ms. C V Sarada, Under Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj
5. Dr. Jagvir Singh, Addl. Director & NPO, IDSP
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7. Mr. K M Goyal, Lions Club Int.
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11. Dr. Bhritu Kapuria, Consultant; Immunization Division

- JS (RCH) in his opening remarks briefed the importance of this measles campaign and its direct relation to address MDG4 goal. He stressed upon the need of a team work to maximize the coverage in the upcoming campaign.
- DC (I) made a presentation highlighting the disease burden of measles, the strategy to introduce 2nd dose of measles, coverage and lessons learnt from Phase 1&2, detailed plan of phase 3 and expectations from other ministries and partners.
- DC (CH&I) shared the genesis of the National Steering Committee and indicated the critical role of schools and panchayats in successful implementation of campaign.
- Representative from other ministries and partners provided their views and comments on the subject.
- NCDC reported that currently the maximum numbers of Measles outbreak are being reported from the 5 states i.e. UP, Bihar, Rajasthan, MP and Gujarat and a successful campaign in these states will reduce the morbidity and mortality due to measles.

During the meeting, issues related to role of various ministries and partners in the upcoming Phase III were discussed and following decisions were taken:

1. MoHFW will write to State Chief Secretaries with a copy to State Health Secretaries for active participation of schools, Anganwari workers and Panchayats during the Measles Catch up campaign.
2. MoHFW will write to State Health Secretaries indicating the partners willingness to support this activity and for their appropriate involvement in the campaign
3. MoHFW will write to CBSE and ICSC requesting to issue directives to the schools for participation
4. MoHFW will draft letters for Secretaries of Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Ministry of HRD to be addressed to Secretaries of the 5 states in respective ministries
5. Lions Club will circulate the message of participation and active support to all its members. Representative from MoHFW will brief the Lions club Governors during their meeting scheduled on 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> September 2012
6. The sensitization in UP will be done at regional level and special focus will be given to urban planning.
7. NCDC will monitor the before and after impact of campaign in the 5 states.
8. For any Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFI), 108 ambulance services will be kept on high alert during the campaign period in each district
9. Indian Red Cross Society will work in 20 districts and will involve 10,000 volunteers for mobilization, demand generation and other supportive activities during the campaign.
10. All partners i.e. WHO, UNICEF, Lions Club Int., IRCS need to share their workplan during the Phase III to prevent overlap and duplication of efforts.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all the members.

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Dated: 4<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Dear

As you are aware that measles is one of the major public health problem in India with nearly 1 lakh children dying from the disease every year. Measles contributes to 4% of under-5 mortality and Measles vaccination is one of the indicator for MDG 4. Deaths from measles can be reduced significantly by achieving high vaccination coverage with two doses of measles vaccine.

Government of India has introduced 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of Measles vaccine and 14 states with <80% Measles 1<sup>st</sup> dose coverage are first conducting measles catch-up campaign in all their districts vaccinating children between 9 months to 10years of age with measles vaccine followed by introduction of 2<sup>nd</sup> dose under UIP after a gap of 6 months. 4.8 crore children have already been vaccinated in 197 districts and the campaign has been completed in 9 States. The remaining districts in 5 states i.e. Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat will be covered during 2012-13 starting September 12.

As the target age-group includes under-five as well as school going children up to 10 years of age, measles vaccinations during catch-up campaign will be conducted at schools in the first week of activity and in the community sites during the second and third weeks of activity. For a particular school, all vaccination activities during the school week will be completed in one day to cause the least interference with the academic calendar. It therefore makes the role of Primary and Secondary schools critical for successful implementation of the campaign.

I would therefore request you to direct all the officials involved with Primary and Secondary schools to provide full support to officials from Health ministry and partner organizations like WHO, UNICEF, Lions Club and Indian Red Cross Society for the campaign. Some suggestive actions to support this endeavour are as below:

**At the state level**

- Advise and collaborate with Dept of H&FW for advocacy with Principals and guardians of schools in both public and in private sectors.
- Instruct district and sub-district level functionaries to share list of schools and list of enrolled children with District Immunization Officer.

**At the district and sub-district levels**

- District Education Officer should participate in District task Force meetings held for measles catch-up campaigns.
- Ensure one or more teachers at each school act as nodal persons for school based vaccination activities.
- Collaborate with District Immunization Officer to have parent-teacher interactions at schools and seek cooperation and participation of parents in getting their children vaccinated.

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I am sure that under your directives, all eligible children in the schools will be vaccinated and protected from Measles related morbidity and mortality.

Yours sincerely  
(Anshu Vaish)

To,

Principal Secretary,  
Ministry of HRD,  
Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh,  
Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat

**R. Bhattacharya**  
**Secretary**

New Delhi, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2012

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