

Minutes of State level Consultation Meeting on “ National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance (Drug) in India 2017” held on dated 4th October, 2017 Under the Chairpersonship of Worthy Anurag Agarwal IAS Home Secretary Chandigarh Administration UT at Committee Room UT Secretariat

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Minutes of meeting:

1. Sh Anurag Agarwal, Home Secretary cum Secretary Health welcomed all the participants and ensured full cooperation from Chandigarh Administration.

2. Dr.B.S.Chavan, Prof & Head, Department of Psychiatry, GMCH, Chandigarh (Principal Investigator) gave brief description of the proposed survey 'National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Abuse'. He informed the participants that the survey is being conducted by National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC), AIIMS, New Delhi with financial support from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt of India. The Survey will be carried out in about 25% of District in each State.
3. The Survey will include a House Hold Sample Survey (HSS) to determine the proportion of people who use substances and people who are suffering from substance use disorders. The survey would approximately cover 4000 House Holds (16,000 persons per State and approximately 6, 00, 00 eligible persons in the country. In addition to this, a Respondent Driven Sampling (RDS) survey will also be conducted to determine the number of substance dependent individuals in about two-third of the districts selected for the household survey. The survey will also identify available services and interventions for individuals suffering from substance use disorders and identify the gaps in services delivery.
4. A detail power point presentation was made by Dr. Ajeet Sidana, Associate Professor GMCH-Chandigarh (Coinvestigator for UT Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab). He covered all technical and operation aspects of the National Drug Use Survey. The presentation conveyed the objective of the survey, methodology to conduct the survey, outcomes of the survey and how the findings of survey will be helpful to the Government in future. In order to conceptualize, design and implement interventions in the domain of Drug Demand Reduction in the country. The presentation also disseminated the role and responsibility of UT Administration Chandigarh. He also raised seven important issues which are to be answered in the National Drug Use Survey which are as follows:-

 1. How many people use Drugs and Substance use in India?
 2. How many people are dependent on Drugs?
 3. What is their profile?
 4. What kind of help they people need?
 5. What kind of help is available in our country?
 6. What kind of people accessing these available services?
 7. Are there any gaps?

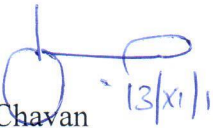
5. Mr. Sandeep Parmar, Executive Director of Regional Resource and Training Centre North-II, Managed by Gunjan Organisation for Community Development gave the details of logistics to be used in the survey. He discussed about the three major outputs of the National Drug Use Survey including Policy on Drug Use Prevention, Design Intervention and scaling up the existing system. Keeping in view the sensitivity of the National Drug Use Survey implementation, the subject of safety to the field teams was also discussed in the meeting. He requested to the Sh. Anurag Agarwal, Home Secretary UT Chandigarh to issue directions to the concerned law enforcing agencies of the UT Administration. Meanwhile Shri Sandeep Parmar requested to the Monica Singh Professor Punjab University to provide Social Work Students for the said National Drug Use Survey.


6. Discussions, Question and Directions/Decisions

- Home Secretary of UT Chandigarh showed deep interest in the presentations and he asked the representatives of line departments to ensure active participation in the National Drug Use Survey. He further desired that the substance use is a personal matter and the collected data should be handled with sensitivity and confidentiality.
- Ms. Prabhjot from Social Welfare Department Chandigarh suggested that, a pair meant for house hold survey must be a male and female and the services of Anganwari Workers can also be used because the Anganwaris workers are familiar with the local culture and local community. She also suggested that, House Hold Surveyors must carry their Identity cards.
- During the meeting Dr. Ajeet Sidana briefed about the RDS Survey (Respondent Driven Sampling Survey). He said that, in a RDS survey, incentives are provided to respondent for their own participation in the interview as well as for referring other drug users for participation. Incentives will not be cash, but will have items of personal use which are of interest or use to the substance users in the area but should not be valuable.
- Meanwhile Shri Sandeep Parmar briefed about the incentives . He said that, in the National Drug Use Survey cash is no acceptable form on incentives. He also said some examples of incentives which have been used in RDS surveys among drug users in India are T-Shirt, Cap, bag, Wallet, Digital Wrist Watch, Muffler, Shawl etc.

- Dr. Monica Singh, from Punjab University suggested that the students from Master of Social Work be awarded certificates of participation after the National Drug Use Survey.
- Meanwhile Shri Sandeep Parmar informed Dr. Monika Singh that there is provision for the monthly honorarium to the field investigators and they have also opportunity for the betterment and enhancement of their carrier in the field of Social Work.
- Ms.Nilambari Jagadate IPS, SSP, UT Chandigarh ensured full cooperation for the survey.

Meeting ended with thanks to Chair.


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Submitted for Approval


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