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To

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Subject: National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Use: Minutes of the Consultation
Meeting held on 09.05.2017- reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to forward herewith the minutes of the National Consultation Meeting held on 09.05.2017 for onward circulation to concerned stakeholders.

2. This issues with the approval of Secretary, SJ&E.

Encl: As Above

Yours faithfully,

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Minutes of the Consultation with regard to National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Use in India held on 9th May 2017, Committee Room A, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi

A National Consultation meeting was organized to bring all the stakeholders together and discuss various operational aspects of the *"National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Use in India"* being conducted by NDDTC, AIIMS. The meeting was chaired by Smt. G. Latha Krishna Rao, Secretary, SJ&E and was attended by representatives from State / UT Governments, faculty members from participating Medical institutes, National Institute of Social Defence, Regional Resource and Training Centres and the Technical team from AIIMS, New Delhi. The list of participants is placed at Annexure.

2. At the outset, **Smt. Ghazala Meenai, Joint Secretary, Social Defence, MoSJE** welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of the National Survey with respect to the drug abuse situation. She appreciated work done by the team of Investigators and urged all stakeholders to support the survey activities in order to complete the survey in time.
3. **Dr Atul Ambekar, Professor, NDDTC, AIIMS** & Principal Investigator for the survey introduced the fact that the overall burden of substance use disorders in the country remains largely unknown and hence, there is difficulty in planning nationwide program to tackle the same. In his presentation, he explained the methodology of the survey and the expected outputs. It was specifically highlighted that the survey will provide estimates for prevalence and pattern of drug use not only for the entire country but also for each state / UT. However, the methodology is not geared for providing district-wise rates and patterns of drug use.
4. **Dr Ashwani Kumar Mishra, Assistant Professor, NDDTC, AIIMS** explained about the process of district stratification and selection in the survey. He emphasised that the survey will not be carried out in every district of the country but about 25% of the districts will be selected using Probability Proportionate to Size (PPS) methodology. The survey methodology is aptly geared to select unbiased sample representative of the state. Moreover, he clarified the PPS method of sampling being used in the survey and its advantages over purposive sampling in population-based surveys.
5. Thereafter, the participants were asked to provide their opinion and suggestions regarding the feasibility and logistic aspects of conducting the survey in the selected districts. They mentioned that in the recent past there have been reorganization of districts in many states. Dr Mishra clarified that the survey will be using the Census Enumeration Blocks (CEB) from the Census 2011 and hence, the list of districts used for Census 2011 has been taken as reference. Any district formed after 2011 will automatically get covered as part of the district listed in Census 2011.
6. The State Government representatives were asked about the feasibility aspects of survey in one or the other selected districts. The following aspects pertaining to Manipur, Chhattisgarh and Manipur were discussed:
 - **Manipur:** The feasibility of conducting the survey in the district of Ukhrul was discussed in view of the law and order situation; however, other experts from the region highlighted the successful completion of NFHS in the same district. The difficulty in travelling from one district to another was also highlighted.

- **Chhattisgarh:** The districts of Bastar, Sukhma and Dantewada might have law and order issues and hence, the state government representative opined to exclude these districts while selecting sites for the survey.
- **Jammu and Kashmir:** The representatives from the state felt that conducting the survey in Anantnaga district may not be feasible because of the prevailing law and order situation and hence the investigators may replace it with another district from the Kashmir or Jammu region.

7. Two states, **Punjab and Rajasthan** may require stratification from a different perspective for selecting the survey districts. It was suggested that Punjab to be stratified on the basis of "International Border", "State borders" and "Non border" areas to ensure adequate representation of whole state. Similarly for Rajasthan, a different approach to stratification may have to be adopted. **All the other states** present were satisfied with the stratification of states done for the purpose of survey and provided their concurrence with the list of districts selected for the survey.

8. Officers from MoSJE strongly advised to retain the approved survey methodology to the extent possible so as to avoid any compromise with the study quality and generalizability. The NDDTC team assured that the suggestions would be duly incorporated in the stratification and selection of districts. It was clarified that extra number of field teams has been sanctioned for all states with hilly terrain / difficult to access areas.

9. The roadblocks that can arise during the survey were discussed in a state-wise manner. The difficulties in completion of survey in places such as "North eastern part of India"; "Jammu and Kashmir" and the Islands of "Lakshadweep" were emphasized and suggested that State Governments and RRTCs would have to make extra efforts for timely completion of survey at these sites.

10. **Dr Alok Agrawal, AIIMS**, briefed about the implementation and operational aspects; and the timelines for completing the survey. He explained the roles and responsibility of various stakeholders and partnering agencies in the survey. The roles and responsibilities of the RRTCs, regional Institutes and NGOs were described and the human resource patterns for the survey were discussed. A timeline for training and actual survey fieldwork was also discussed and it was highlighted that the survey fieldwork in each state should be planned keeping the weather conditions in consideration. The participants informed that weather conditions may impact the accessibility of survey sites and mobility of field teams in some states and the survey timelines in these states may have to be revised accordingly.

11. The Medical Institutes working in the capacity of regional technical agencies for the survey were apprised about the various capacity building tasks to be done as a part of the survey. The faculty members ensured complete support for the study and promised to help in successful completion at every possible step.

12. It was also suggested to have a video conference meeting with Nodal Officers and the survey team, which will be facilitated by the MoSJE. Among other tasks the nodal officers are also expected to communicate with the respective district administration for facilitating the data collection. It would also be the responsibility of States to publicize the survey in order to garner

adequate participation. A document – roles of State Governments – was also shared with the participants.

13. It was discussed that following this consultation, State Governments will organize *state – level sensitization meetings* for all the concerned departments in the state. One representative of medical institutes will be present in such meetings for technical inputs and as resource person. RTTC representatives would also be an integral part of such meetings.

14. Finally, the immediate tasks were discussed with the various stakeholders. The urgent need for nomination of Nodal officers was highlighted. For the purpose, the respective RRTCs and RTAs were advised to communicate with the State Governments. State level sensitization meetings need to conduct in next few weeks. The National TOT and subsequently the regional TOTs are planned in June – July 2017, followed immediately by the state level trainings for mapping and listing.

The RTAs are expected to:

- Begin the work on translation of the survey tools immediately
- Expedite the process of ethics clearance (wherever it is pending)
- Begin the process of engaging the necessary staff

The NGOs (RRTCs and IRCAs) are expected to:

- Begin the process of engaging the necessary staff
- Communicate with the state governments regarding the state level sensitization meeting
- Share the list of potential RDS districts with AIIMS (as per the criteria shared by AIIMS)

15. The **Secretary, MoSJE** emphasized the need for timely completion of the project and strictly observing the planned schedule of activities. She reiterated the need of active participation from various state governments as they are the most important pillars for completion of the survey. She said that the State Governments need to assume the ownership of the survey, and provide all the support needed to execute the survey in respective states. The nodal officers from the States would be the contact point for the survey agencies in their State and would facilitate the administrative processes required for executing the survey. It was decided that representatives of State Government that participated in the meeting would be considered as Nodal persons till a State official is designated as Nodal Officer for the survey by the Chief Secretaries of States / UTs.

16. Shri Anand Katoch, Director, National Institute of Social Defence delivered a Vote of thanks.

List of participants of National Consultation held on 09.05.2017 at Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi

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