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Patna Dated:/09/2014

To,

All Civil Surgeons
All District Programme Managers
Bihar

Subject: Regarding implementation of Tobacco control project "Advancing tobacco control with special emphasis on capacity building and effective enforcement of Indian Tobacco Control Act (COTPA 2003)"

Dear All,

Kindly refer the letter no. 1824 dated 02-03-2013 and 7292 dated 03-09-2013 on the above subject issued by this office with a focus on intensive enforcement of various sections of COTPA 2003 and creation of following basic institutional structures in your respective districts:

- 1.1 Notification of a person in DHS for the handling of Tobacco Control files and related correspondence.
- 1.2 Formation of District Tobacco Control Coordination Committee (DTCCC) under the chairmanship of District Magistrate.
- 1.3 Notification of Anti-Tobacco Squads at District, Sub-division and Block level by District Magistrate,
- 1.4 Appointment of Special Nodal officer by District Magistrate.
- 1.5 Order for implementation of Section 4 of COTPA (Ban on Smoking at Public places) by the District Magistrate.
- 1.6 Order for implementation of Section 6 (a) of COTPA (Ban on sale of Tobacco product to and by Minors) by the District Magistrate.
- 1.7 Order for implementation of Section 6 (b) of COTPA (Tobacco Free Educational Institutions) by the District Magistrate.

2. Apart from the above, you have to organize a District Level Sensitization Workshop, Training of Anti Tobacco Squad members and a Capacity building workshop for law enforcers including representatives from PRI and Urban bodies. Recently Hon'ble Patna High Court in his order dated 11-08-2014 has taken cognizance of non compliance of section 4 & 6 of COTPA 2003 in the state of Bihar.

3. A High Level Consultation was organized under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar on 25th July, 2014 at Patna on the above subjected issue, where a report was release on the "Economic Burden of Tobacco Related Diseases in Bihar". As per that report the total economic costs attributable to tobacco use in Bihar amounted to Rs 1341 crores in the year 2011 for persons aged 35-69, of which 47% was direct medical costs and 53% was indirect morbidity costs.

4. After review of the updates, it was observed that majority of the districts have not even conducted a single meeting of District Tobacco Control Coordination Committee (DTCCC) under the chairmanship of District Magistrate in last one year, which has to be conducted at least on quarterly basis. Few of the districts are yet to organize the District level sensitization workshop and training of Anti-Tobacco Squad members. Except Patna, none of the districts have organized the Capacity building for law enforcers including representatives from PRI and Urban bodies.

5. You are aware that State Tobacco Control Cell, State Health Society, Government of Bihar in collaboration with its development partner Socio Economic and Educational Development Society (SEEDS), Bihar has been supporting the tobacco control programme in various districts of Bihar.

6. In view of the above, you are instructed to complete the above mentioned activities at the earliest and send the status report of your district to the undersigned by 8th September 2014 on the email ntcpbihar@gmail.com and also bring the hard copies of the reports in the capacity building workshop on 09-09-14 in attached format. The team member of SEEDS will extend all possible cooperation and technical support for the implementation of the activities under Tobacco control programme in your district.

Thanking you with regards.

Sincerely Yours,

Sd/-

(Anand Kishor)

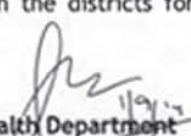
Patna, Dated: 01/09/2014

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1. All Divisional Commissioners for information and requested to monitor the above activities on regular basis in your monthly review meetings
2. All District Magistrates for information and requested to ensure proper implementation and reporting of above activities to SHSB.
3. In-charge, Data Centre, State Health Society, Bihar for information and ensure the report collection in attached format from all the 38 districts through data centre by 8th Sep-14 for the review on 9th September-14 state level meeting.
4. Executive Director, Socio Economic and Educational Development Society (SEEDS), 303 Basanti Kunj Apartment, Post office road, Punaichak, Patna-800023 (Email: seedsbihar@gmail.com) for information and requested to coordinate with the districts for technical support.


Secretary, Health Department
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