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Government of India
Ministry of Women and Child Development

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-1
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OFFICE MEMORANDANDUM

Subject: Constitution of National Technical Board on Nutrition (NTBN)

Government of India has decided to constitute 'National Technical Board on Nutrition (NTBN)' under the Chairmanship of Dr. Vinod Paul, Member, NITI Aayog to make technical recommendations on policy relevant issues on Nutrition.

2. The Board shall consist of the following Members:

| S. No | Name and designation | |
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| 1. | Dr. Vinod Paul, Member, NITI Aayog | Chairman |
| 2. | Chairman, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, New Delhi | Member |
| 3. | Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development | Member |
| 4. | Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare | Member |
| 5. | Director-General, Indian Council for Medical Research | Member |
| 6. | Secretary, Department of Biotechnology | Member |
| 7. | Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution | Member |
| 8. | Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation | Member |
| 9. | Director-General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare | Member |
| 10. | Shri Alok Kumar, Adviser, NITI Aayog, New Delhi | Member |
| 11. | Director-General, Indian Council for Agricultural Research, New Delhi | Member |
| 12. | Deputy Commissioner (Immunization), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. | Member |
| 13. | Deputy Commissioner (Child Health), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi | Member |
| 14. | Dr. Anura V Kurpad, Head of the Department of Physiology, St John's Medical College, Bengaluru | Member |
| 15. | Dr. M. D. Gupta, Professor, National Institute of Virology, Pune | Member |
| 16. | President, Indian Medical Association, New Delhi | Member |
| 17. | Medical Superintendent, CMC Vellore | Member |
| 18. | Representative of IAP Advisory Committee on Vaccines & Immunization Practices, Indian Academy of Paediatrics | Member |
| 19. | Dr. Ajay Gambhir, Ex-president, National Neonatology Forum, New Delhi | Member |
| 20. | Head, Department of Foods and Nutrition, MS University, Baroda, Gujarat | Member |
| 21. | Director, Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore | Member |
| 22. | Representative, National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) | Member |
| 23. | Director, Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhi Nagar | Member |
| 24. | Dr. H.P.S. Sachdeva, Paediatrician, Sitaram Bhartiya Institute of Science and Research | Member |

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| 25. | Shri Raj Bhandari, Independent Nutrition Expert | Member |
| 26 | Dr. M K Bhan, Pediatrician and Former Secretary to GOI | Member |
| 27 | Dr. Neeta Bhandari, Public Health expert | Member |
| 28 | Dr. Prerna Kohli, Practicing Psychologist and member of WCD committee on junk food guidelines | Member |
| 29 | Shri T. Longvah, Director, National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad | Member Secretary |

2. The role of the Board would be advisory and specific in terms of synthesis of technical evidence, analysis and evidence based technical recommendations, responsive to the local context.

3. The Terms of Reference of the National Technical Board on Nutrition (NTBN) are as under:

- i. To make technical recommendations on the policy relevant issues in concerning Nutrition for women and children.
- ii. To advise the States/UTs on preventive measures (including behaviour change) and management of SAM children.
- iii. To coordinate the collation, synthesis of existing scientific and operational research, identify research gaps and make technical recommendations for the research agenda.
- iv. To provide technical guidance on the design of nutrition surveys proposed by States/UTs, other sectors and institutions and their coherence with ongoing National Health and other surveys.
- v. Formulation of India specific growth indicators including stunting.
- vi. Any other issue which may be referred to the Board by the MWCD.

4. All the non-official Members of the NTBN shall individually submit an undertaking/declaration (*in prescribed form*) that there is no conflict of interest between the task assigned to the above Board of which he/she is the Member and the profession he/she is performing in their individual life. They shall also inform the Chairman of the Board as and when such a conflict of interest arises in future.

5. The NTBN shall meet once in three months to review technical recommendations on policy relevant issues in Nutrition. The Board for their day-to-day work shall be serviced by the concerned Divisions of NITI Aayog.

6. The expenditure on TA/DA of officials of the Committee will be borne by their respective Ministry/Department/organisation as per the rules. Non-official members of the Committee shall be entitled to travel expenses for attending the meetings as per the TA Rules applicable to non-officials Members.

7. This issues with the approval of Minister of Women & Child Development.

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To,

Chairman and all Members of the Committee.