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Government of India  
Ministry of Women & Child Development  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001  
Website : <http://www.wcd.nic.in>

Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2018

Dear Chief Secretary,

Please refer to a joint D.O. letter No. 1101/1/2017-ND-IE dated 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 (copy enclosed) regarding instituting a proper mechanism for holding review and monitoring of Nutrition & Health at District level by the Districts Magistrates/District Collectors/Deputy Commissioners once in a quarter in an exclusive and dedicated manner between 1-10 of January, April, July and October.

2. As you may be aware that now all the Districts have been included under POSHAN Abhiyaan. The POSHAN Abhiyaan aims to reduce mal-nutrition from the Country in a phased manner, through the life cycle concept, by adopting a synergised and result oriented approach. The Abhiyaan ensure mechanisms for timely service delivery and a robust monitoring as well as intervention infrastructure. The POSHAN Abhiyaan through the targets will strive to reduce the level of stunting, under-nutrition, anaemia and low birth weight babies. It will also ensure convergence of various programmes of Government. A separate guidelines for Convergence Action Plan under POSHAN Abhiyaan also sent on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2018.

3. The goal of POSHAN Abhiyaan is to achieve improvement in nutritional status of Children from 0-6 years, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers in a time bound manner during three years beginning 2017-18 with fixed targets as under:

Sl.No	Objective	Target
1.	Prevent and reduce Stunting in children (0- 6 years) *	By 6% @ 2% p.a.
2.	Prevent and reduce under-nutrition (underweight prevalence) in children (0-6 years)	By 6% @ 2% p.a.
3.	Reduce the prevalence of anemia among young Children(6-59 months)	By 9% @ 3% p.a.
4.	Reduce the prevalence of anemia among Women and Adolescent Girls in the age group of 15-49 years.	By 9% @ 3% p.a.
5.	Reduce Low Birth Weight (LBW).	By 6% @ 2% p.a.

\*Target is to bring down stunting of the children from 38.4% to 25% by the year 2022.

4. I would therefore, request you to direct the Districts Magistrates/District Collectors/Deputy Commissioners to the review the nutritional status of the District as per Convergence Action Plan Guidelines on quarterly basis in an exclusive and dedicated manner between 1-10 of January, April, July and October by involving all the Departments for achieving the targets of the Districts and ensure that POSHAN Abhiyaan is implemented successfully. A direction in this regard may kindly be issued to all DCs/DMs under intimation to this Ministry.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rakesh Srivastava)

Chief Secretary in all States/UTs

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