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D.O. No. NNM/40/2018-Nutrition

Date : 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2018

**Dear Chief Secretary,**

As you are aware that Hon'ble Prime Minister has formally launched the POSHAN Abhiyaan from Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 with the aim to improve the nutritional status of Children upto 6 years of age, Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers through specific targets for reduction in Low Birth Weight, Stunting, Under-Nutrition and prevalence of Anaemia over next three years.

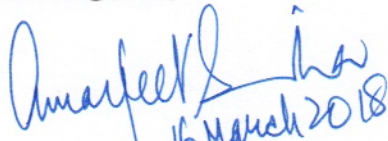
2. Hon'ble Prime Minister has desired that the Mission should be converted into a JAN ANDOLAN for effective implementation. You will agree that success of the Mission is a huge task requiring active participation and cooperation of the States/UTs. Under POSHAN Abhiyaan, States/UTs need to achieve convergence through close coordination between the Departments of Women & Child Welfare; Health; Drinking Water & Sanitation; Rural Development; Panchayati Raj; Education and Food and other concerned Departments.

4. Role of Panchayati Raj is very important for success of POSHAN Abhiyaan. Panchayati Raj Department through Panchayats can play very active role for malnutrition free India through Gram Sabha.

5. During the Executive Committee (Apex body for all Nutrition related activities) Meeting of POSHAN Abhiyaan held on 13.03.2018, it was decided that on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti (14<sup>th</sup> April) this year, Gram Panchayats across the country will hold meetings to discuss on the Nutritional aspects and their implementation along with Health and Sanitation issues of their respective Panchayat. All the Gram Panchayats will be advised to weigh the children and display the weights in the Anganwadi centres.

6. We would, therefore, request you to issue necessary instructions to the Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of the Panchayati Raj Department of the States/UTs to hold meetings of Gram Panchayats on the Nutritional aspects and their implementation along with Health and Sanitation issues of their respective Panchayat. All the Gram Panchayats may be advised to weigh the children and display the weights in the Anganwadi centres. WCD/Social Welfare Department will coordinate with Panchayati Raj Department and facilitate the materials to be used during the meeting.

**With regards,**

  
(Amarjeet Sinha)

Yours sincerely,



(Rakesh Srivastava)

**Chief Secretary in all the States/UTs.**

**Copy to : Principal Secretary/Secretary, Department of Panchayati Raj and  
WCD/Social Welfare Department in all the States/UTs .**