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*Dear Colleague,*

It has been a privilege that many esteemed experts and senior faculties from medical colleges have been supporting National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) by serving as experts in various national technical expert groups to help regularly updating the national policy in line with the most recent evidences and adoption of global guidelines in Indian context. Apart from the TB services and activities undertaken by most of the medical colleges in India through the task force mechanism, some of the reputed medical colleges are also serving as culture and drug susceptibility testing laboratories and Nodal/District drug resistant TB (DR-TB) centers.

With reference to the Gazette notification No. MCI-34(41)/2019-Med./126168 dated 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (attached herewith for reference) regarding amendment in the "Minimum standard requirements for 50/100/150 MBBS admissions annually regulation, 1999", every Medical college should have facility for management of MDR-TB at the time of 4<sup>th</sup> renewal for admission of 5<sup>th</sup> batch of MBBS students.

You would agree that the expertise of the medical colleges commensurate to its strengths need to be tapped for strengthening clinical, Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs) and co-morbidity management of DR-TB patients across India with the aim to improve quality of care, treatment success and survival of these difficult patients. As per the national data, 64% (336/526) of the medical colleges are yet to establish DR-TB centres in the country in line with the above-mentioned gazette notification from Government of India.

*एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर*

You are requested to ensure the establishment of facility for the management of MDR-TB in all the medical colleges in public sector and in private sector (using partnership options, if required) across the respective States/ UTs. In order to enhance DR-TB beds for the paediatric DR-TB patients, you are requested to ensure availability of DR-TB bed for pediatric patients in Medical Colleges.

For the establishment of the facility, provisions under the programme is mentioned as annexure. We urge you to closely monitor this and ensure complete coverage of all medical colleges within the next one year.

*warm regards*

Yours sincerely,

(Vikas Sheel)

Encl: as above

To

Principal Secretary - Health (All states/ UTs)



CC:

1. Principal Secretary - Medical Education (All states/ UTs)
2. Mission Director - NHM (All states/ UTs)
3. Director Medical Education and Research (All states)
4. NTF, ZTF, STF and Medical Colleges (All states)
5. WHO India team - NPOs
6. All CTD officials



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#### **Annexure: Provisions for the establishment of DR-TB facility in Medical Colleges under NTEP**

1. **Infrastructure development:** Normative amount as per the "Norms and Basis of Costing" for NTEP. Unit cost for initial establishment/ refurbishment/ upgradation/ maintenance of civil work to be carried out as per the rates prescribed by the PWD or Cell/ Division/ Corporation/ Wing for infrastructure development.
2. **Human Resource:** All the medical colleges have the provision of Medical Officer (Medical College) - 1, TB Health Visitor - 1, Microscopy Centre Laboratory Technician - 1.
3. **Diagnostics (Referral / linkages):** Provision of linkages and consumables required for specimen collection and transportation to offer the tests as per integrated DR-TB algorithm
4. **Capacity building:** Training to build capacity of service providers on NTEP guidelines on management of DR-TB and Nikshay. Refresher trainings can be organized as per requirement.
5. **Drugs and logistics:** Stock of FDC, loose drugs (first and second line drugs) including drugs for prophylaxis.
6. **Support for ancillary drugs** by linkages with General Health System
7. **Patient support:** Identification of convenient treatment supporter for the patients to ensure treatment adherence at field level. Incentives under Nikshay Poshan Yojana to the patients notified/ initiated on treatment.
8. **Support for MIS:** Provision of recording and reporting formats and registers and access to Nikshay.
9. **Financial support:** Provision of timely payments to the service provider, if any identified as per the partnership options.