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Foreword

As you are aware, the Government had launched the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan in over sixteen thousand villages across the country in the month of April with a view to achieve saturation of focussed programmes. Buoyed by the success of the same the Government is now embarking on an Extended Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (EGSA) in 45,137 villages having a population of more than 1000 in 115 'Aspirational Districts' with a constellation of services straddling various ministries and departments.

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) led Mission Indradhanush (MI) was one of the significant successes of the GSA for which all the state and UT health departments as well as the Prabhari Officers deserve kudos.

With a view to further the momentum generated, the MoHFW has now added some other interventions in its basket of initiatives on which it seeks to achieve spectacular success viz. achieving 100% saturation of MI to save children from vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs) in the aspirational districts, operationalisation of at least two Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) to deliver comprehensive primary health care to the farthest beneficiaries and operationalization of Drug Resistant TB (DRTB) treatment center and lab at District Hospitals with facility for Universal Drug Susceptibility Testing (UDST) for all identified TB patients, in all the aspirational districts.

You would acknowledge that implementation of the above mentioned health programs in 'Aspirational Districts' by the 15th of August, 2018 would necessitate rigorous State, district and block level orientation, mobilization of various resources and constant monitoring. In this regard, my ministry has prepared this comprehensive e-booklet on the above programmes to orient all the state, district and block health officials as well as the prabhari officers to serve as a ready reckoner for clear understanding and smoother implementation of the programmes.

I hope to receive your unstinted support as before to reach the beneficiaries up to the last mile with the quality health services.

Wishing you all a grand success in this momentous national endeavour. Let us together resolve to ensure that all the citizens of the Aspirational Districts get the full complement of quality health services and lead disease free productive lives.

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