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Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110011
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Dated: 7TH May ,2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is in continuation of the communication from the Hon'ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare (vide DO letter No. Z.15015/10/2023-NHMI, dated 28th January 2025) addressed to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Hon'ble Chief Ministers, and Hon'ble Administrators of various States/UTs regarding the importance of ensuring free essential drugs and diagnostic services and the rollout of Drugs and Vaccine Distribution Management System (DVDMS) at public health facilities across the country.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare remains committed to supporting the 'Free Drugs and Diagnostics Service Initiative' under the National Health Mission (NHM), which aims to provide essential drugs and diagnostic services free of cost to all citizens. Although I deeply appreciate the continued efforts being made by the States/UTs towards strengthening public healthcare delivery, this Ministry has noted gaps in the implementation of these critical initiatives. State wise implementation status may be seen from the recent data sheet for the Free Drugs Service Initiative (Annexure A) and Free Diagnostics Service Initiative (Annexure B).

In this context, I would like to draw your attention to few important areas of concern. These include gaps in the notification by state of the average number of drugs and diagnostics available across facilities, as compared to the recommended numbers outlined in the National Essential Drugs and Diagnostics Lists as per IPHS. Additionally, there is a noticeable gap between data reported in State reports and data updated in the ODK Toolkit.

The Ministry has implemented a "**DVDMS Central Dashboard** (https://dvdms.mohfw.gov.in) for effective monitoring and evaluation of FDSI. This dashboard is extracting the data and then triangulates it for reporting and analytical insights. State Officials can access the DVDMS Central Dashboard through Parichay (https://parichay.nic.in). The performance report from January to March 2025 (Annexure-C) is enclosed. While the implementation of the Drugs and Vaccine Distribution Management System (DVDMS) is underway, integration down till level of Sub Health Centres (SHCs) remains incomplete in several states. Also, this is to inform that a diagnostic module is now being piloted in DVDMS for monitoring the availability status of diagnostic reagents and consumables.

To further enhance the implementation of the Free Drugs and Diagnostics Service Initiative (FDSI) across the country, States/UTs are kindly requested to take the following actions:

- Align essential drugs and diagnostics lists with national guidelines and assess specific requirements. Feedback regarding the utility or otherwise of any drug or diagnostic may be shared with the Ministry for due consideration. Also, mark the EDL lists appropriately for all the health facility types in your DVDMS Application as per revised IPHS -2022 EDL.

- Additionally, it is crucial to improve the availability of diagnostics, especially in-house at all facility level by strengthening procurement processes and efficient sample transportation in case of Hub & Spoke Model.

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- Accelerated integration of the Drug and Vaccine Distribution Management System (DVDMS), supported by focused emphasis on regular data updation with quality, training, and effective usage at all levels and mapping of Ayushman Arogya Mandir at PHC/SC level separately as AAM-PHC and AAM-SC on the portal as well as update the NIN numbers of all health facilities.

- Implementation of Health Facility Registry (HFR) on State's DVDMS/other State-owned application and for doing this activity, team from MoHFW will do active coordination between state-officials and NHA team.

In addition to the above, it has been observed that common citizens and local public representatives often remain unaware of the Free Drugs and Diagnostics initiative, which limits their ability to fully utilize these essential services limiting their ability to utilize these services. States/UTs are encouraged to develop comprehensive strategies to promote awareness through:

- Platforms for Jan Bhagidari, such as Jan Arogya Samiti (JAS), MAS, and Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Committee (VHSNC) meetings.

- Wall paintings and mandatory display of available drugs and diagnostic services at all health facilities.

These measures will enhance the visibility of the initiative and strengthen community feedback mechanisms.

This initiative is a crucial step toward Universal Health Coverage, and the Ministry is committed for supporting its smooth execution. You are requested to regularly review these at your level and take necessary action accordingly.

In case of any query, related to DVDMS please feel free to contact Mr. Nikhil Kumar Agarwal, Director (MMPC), Email: nikhilkr.agarwal@nic.in and nrhmone@yahoo.co.in.

With regards.

Yours sincerely,

Encl. As Above.

(Aradhana Patnaik)

To

Addl. Chief Secy./ Principal Secretary/ Secretary (Health) -All States/UTs

Copy to:

- Mission Directors (NHM)- All States / UTs
- PSO to Secretary (H&FW)

Sl.No.	States/UTs	No. of Medicines in State notified EDL					Avg. No. of Drugs available in PHFs as per ODK Toolkit data				
		DH (out of 375)	SDH (out of 325)	CHC (out of 299)	PHC AAM (out of 171)	SHC AAM (out of 105)	DH (out of 375)	SDH (out of 325)	CHC (out of 299)	PHC AAM (out of 171)	SHC AAM (out of 105)
1	Andaman & Nicobar	381	318	300	172	106	250	-	172	121	60
2	Andhra Pradesh	233	189	181	84	63	216	166	154	131	89
3	Arunachal Pradesh	218	-	202	112	72	116	-	93	71	38
4	Assam	179	166	165	73	52	208	157	124	85	31
5	Bihar	235	165	166	109	56	141	110	117	63	35
6	Chandigarh	381	318	300	172	106	375	165	197	138	87
7	Chhattisgarh	183	162	115	63	21	232	121	133	88	50
8	DNH&DD	381	318	300	171	105	179	120	76	67	50
9	Delhi	285	-	-	103	-	212	79	148	100	60
10	Goa	307	255	242	171	105	239	185	139	98	49
11	Gujarat	309	178	178	109	71	159	150	116	106	53
12	Haryana	270	243	240	143	91	195	150	127	81	30
13	Himachal Pradesh	303	253	239	138	78	145	105	88	70	24
14	Jammu & Kashmir	242	200	200	137	78	219	83	161	98	47
15	Jharkhand	273	235	237	124	84	125	104	85	48	33
16	Karnataka	194	174	176	116	72	229	183	158	108	43
17	Kerala	253	211	155	105	36	192	161	129	107	35
18	Ladakh	381	318	300	171	105	226	-	151	104	54
19	Lakshadweep	229	204	196	125	-	335	-	241	138	-
20	Madhya Pradesh	287	226	190	116	56	226	161	146	93	42
21	Maharashtra	102	102	91	55	35	174	158	129	82	45
22	Manipur	189	167	176	95	66	93	156	82	62	28
23	Meghalaya	296	237	227	133	67	217	177	99	79	38
24	Mizoram	148	132	127	82	20	135	132	105	81	30
25	Nagaland	142	-	131	86	18	92	-	115	66	41
26	Odisha	219	205	202	87	56	214	148	147	81	43
27	Pondicherry	231	-	187	136	81	188	-	156	97	45

#	State										
28	Punjab	149	140	121	62	39	184	167	129	61	42
29	Rajasthan	263	239	212	135	68	211	187	181	113	37
30	Sikkim	222	-	168	119	61	139	-	68	78	21
31	Tamil Nadu	243	205	160	115	71	211	185	224	126	74
32	Telangana	165	157	153	94	65	279	218	182	146	83
33	Tripura	183	143	139	162	57	185	167	164	100	75
34	Uttar Pradesh	222	-	148	106	62	134	61	128	73	30
35	Uttarakhand	310	287	267	137	69	140	108	93	52	19
36	West Bengal	268	183	143	69	43	164	106	87	44	29
	India (Average)	247	211	192	116	66	193	146	133	90	46

(green)	Availability of Medicines more than 70% & above
(yellow)	Availability of Medicines between 40% - 69%
(red)	Availability of medicines less than 40%

As on 25th April, 2025

S. N.	States/UTs	Average No. of Diagnostic Tests Available- State Nodal Officer					Average No. of Diagnostic Tests Available -ODK Toolkit				
		SHC (out of 14)	PHC (out of 63)	CHC (out of 97)	SDH (out of 111)	DH (out of 134)	SHC (out of 14)	PHC (out of 63)	CHC (out of 97)	SDH (out of 111)	DH (out of 134)
1	A&N Island	14	24	63	63	97	1	34	38	NA	57
2	Andhra Pradesh	14	63	70	93	128	12	47	42	56	75
3	Arunachal Pradesh	8	44	30	-	59	5	8	13	NA	55
4	Assam	12	92	101	111	113	4	26	50	67	101
5	Bihar	8	8	32	32	32	2	7	28	31	47
6	Chandigarh	-	63	63	66	124	10	48	94	56	95
7	Chhattisgarh	14	23	50	50	120	6	21	42	39	92
8	Delhi	-	91	-	-	134	5	18	14	61	80
9	DNH&DD	14	63	72	107	142	7	31	33	51	94
10	Goa	14	36	63	100	120	6	21	28	71	130
11	Gujarat	7	17	33	33	68	6	21	26	40	57
12	Haryana	12	25	87	96	107	6	15	27	37	60
13	Himachal Pradesh	13	63	97	111	134	2	20	49	57	64
14	Jammu & Kashmir	14	38	46	46	75	3	14	48	28	73
15	Jharkhand	8	8	15	50	82	3	6	19	20	58
16	Karnataka	11	53	67	82	98	5	19	31	50	71
17	Kerala	10	62	81	96	131	6	33	44	52	64
18	Ladakh	7	31	34	67	162	5	25	54	NA	105
19	Lakshadweep	12	70	70	76	76	0	40	58	NA	75
20	Madhya Pradesh	17	80	80	134	134	6	17	51	47	86
21	Maharashtra	14	27	32	32	49	4	32	47	58	74
22	Manipur	6	137	137	137	137	2	33	52	108	73
23	Meghalaya	9	43	52	52	93	7	20	52	NA	37
24	Mizoram	9	30	40	50	60	7	26	40	46	67
25	Nagaland	10	40	40	-	65	6	10	26	NA	59
26	Odisha	16	65	103	103	145	9	22	42	62	93
27	Puducherry	7	22	35	-	70	1	15	25	NA	73
28	Punjab	5	15	63	254	254	3	21	32	45	66

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29	Rajasthan	14	15	37	96	96	4	15	34	38	48
30	Sikkim	10	45	45	75	75	10	36	23	NA	60
31	Tamil Nadu	14	63	97	111	134	9	41	61	57	79
32	Telangana	14	63	97	111	134	11	53	54	79	95
33	Tripura	12	30	45	110	110	9	26	40	63	73
34	Uttar Pradesh	11	63	72	72	126	5	10	31	3	46
35	Uttarakhand	10	20	262	262	262	2	9	33	42	59
36	West Bengal	11	26	49	50	68	8	13	27	42	67
	India (Average)	11	46	67	91	111	5	24	39	50	72

	Tests availability 80% & above
	Test availability within 40% to 79%
	Test availability less than 40%
	Tests over & above EDL

As on 25th April, 2025

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Government of India
DVDMS Central Dashboard

Monthly State Rank

Month :- April   - 2025

Rank	State / UT	Avg. Score
1	Bihar	80.72
2	Rajasthan	77.25
3	Punjab	69.80
4	Telangana	63.86
5	Maharashtra	61.96
6	Assam	58.45
7	Andhra Pradesh	57.79
8	Gujarat	57.18
9	West Bengal	54.56
10	Haryana	54.08
11	Uttar Pradesh	53.29
12	Ladakh	52.90
13	Himachal Pradesh	52.00
14	Meghalaya	51.26
15	Chhattisgarh	51.08
16	Chandigarh	46.64
17	Uttarakhand	45.35
18	Odisha	45.00
19	Puducherry	42.65
20	Karnataka	41.23
21	Jammu And Kashmir	39.76
22	Arunachal Pradesh	38.63
23	Mizoram	38.34
24	Jharkhand	38.28
25	Tripura	35.69
26	Manipur	31.07
27	Nagaland	29.57
28	Lakshadweep	27.71

* Data may depend on mapping of facilities and drugs done by States/MoHFW through provided mapping masters in the dvdms.in.
* Data based on average of daily ranking values.
* Madhya Pradesh has changed its infrastructure, data sharing has been stopped.
* For Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Kerala, APIs are pending from the State/UT.