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Dear *Colleague,*

Provision of free generic drugs through public health facilities is probably the most cost effective way to reduce out of pocket expenditure, particularly for poor and vulnerable groups. Keeping this in view, MoHFW approved the roll-out of "National Health Mission – Free Drugs Service" initiative under which States / UTs would be provided funding under National Health Mission (NHM). The States / UTs are expected to fulfil the following requirements to claim substantial funding under this initiative:

- (i) Notification of a policy of providing free essential drugs to all patients coming to public sector health facilities at least upto District Hospital level;
- (ii) Creation of a robust IT backed procurement, logistics & supply chain system;
- (iii) Availability of differential facility-wise Essential Drug List depending on the nature of the facility;
- (iv) Sound quality assurance system;
- (v) Laying down of Standard Treatment Guidelines and provision for prescription audits to ensure rational use of drugs; and
- (vi) Grievance redressal mechanism.

2. In this context, Secretary (HFW) has desired to take a meeting of States / UTs to review the drug procurement and distribution system including status of implementation of IT based supply chain management system. The dates of the review meeting would be notified to you in due course of time.

3. In the meanwhile, I request you to kindly send us a note containing details of drug procurement and distribution system prevalent in you State / UT along with the status of implementation of IT based supply chain management system. The soft copy of the above information should reach MoHFW at drshahabali@yahoo.com positively by 17th August, 2015.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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