

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the 9th State Supervisory Board (SSB), PC&PNDT Act held under the chairmanship of Sh. Vipin Singh Parmar, Hon'ble Health Minister-cum-Chairman State Supervisory Board (SSB), Government of Himachal Pradesh, on 11th July 2019 at 11:00 am at Dragon Hall, Hotel Holiday Home, Shimla. The following Participants attended the meeting:

1. Hon'ble MLA Ms. Kamlesh Kumari, Vidhan Sabha Constituency Bhoranj, District Hamirpur, H.P.
2. Hon'ble MLA Ms. Reeta Devi, Vidhan Sabha Constituency Indora, District Kangra, H.P.
3. Sh. Sanjay Gupta (IAS), Addl. Chief Secretary (Ayurveda) to the Government of H.P.
4. Dr. Naresh Kumar Lath (IAS) Special Sec.-cum- DHSR-cum-Member Secretary State Supervisory Board, PC-PNDT Act, H.P.
5. Sh. Sandeep Negi, Addl. Secretary (Health) to the Govt. of H.P.
6. Sh. Surinder Kumar, DLR-cum-Dep. Sec.(Law) to the Govt. of H.P.
7. Dr. D.R Sharma, Joint Director, Directorate of Health Services. H.P.
8. Sh. Rakesh Korla, Jt. Director, Directorate of ME & R. H.P.
9. Dr. Gopal Beri, Deputy Director, Directorate of Health Services. H.P.
10. Sh. Suresh K. Sharma, Dy Director, Directorate of WCD, H.P.
11. Dr. Neeraj Mittal, Chief Medical Officer Shimla, District Shimla.
12. Dr. Y.D. Sharma, Chief Medical Officer Chamba, District Chamba.
13. Dr. Sushil Chander, Chief Medical Officer Kullu, District Kullu.
14. Dr. Padam S. Negi, Chief Medical Officer Kinnaur, District Kinnaur.
15. Dr. Gurdarshan Gupta, Chief Medical Officer Kangra, District Kangra.
16. Dr. Raman Sharma, Chief Medical Officer Una, District Una.
17. Dr. K.K. Prashar, Chief Medical Officer Sirmaur, District Sirmaur.
18. Dr. Archana Soni, Chief Medical Officer Hamirpur, District Hamirpur.
19. Dr. Parkash Daroch, Chief Medical Officer Bilaspur, District Bilaspur.
20. Dr. Om Prakash, Chief Medical Officer L & Spiti, District L & Spiti.

- 21. Dr. Mahesh Gupta, Sr. Medical Supdt, Z.H. Solan, District Solan.
- 22. Dr. Anupam Jhobta, Prof. Radio Diagnosis, IGMC Shimla.
- 23. Ms. Roopa Sharma, Vice Chairperson Saksham Gudiya Board, Village Kamyana, P.O. Poabo, Teh. & District Shimla
- 24. Ms. Ritu Sethi, Tank Road, Solan, Dist. Solan.
- 25. Ms. Sonia Banta, VPO, Bhawarna, Tehsil Palampur, Distt. Kangra,
- 26. Ms. Ragini Rakund, VPO Dehan, Tehsil Palampur, Distt. Kangra
- 27. Ms. Manjeet Kaur, Indra Colony, Bilaspur, Tehsil & Distt. Bilaspur.
- 28. Ms. Santosh Saini, Ex-Chairperson HIMFED, Vill&P.O Kotlakalan, Tehsil & Distt. Una
- 29. Ms. Deepika Negi, V.P.O & Tehsil Moorong, Distt Kinnaur.
- 30. Ms. Anuradha Sharma, Zila Adhyaksh M.M. V&PO Bhawarna Palampur, District Kangra
- 31. Dr. Rakesh Roshan Bhardwaj, SPO, Directorate of NHM, H.P.
- 32. Dr. Dinesh Kumar Thakur, MOH Mandi, District Mandi.
- 33. Dr. Mahesh Jaswal, State Nodal Officer, PC&PNDDT, O/o DHSR.
- 34. Sh. Kishan Singh Verma, Deputy District Attorney, O/o DHSR.
- 35. Sh. Atul Kumar, Law Officer, Law Department, H.P.
- 36. Sh. Rajender Paul, Sr. Stat. Asstt., O/o CMO Solan, District Solan
- 37. Ms. Meena Chander, Superintendent , O/o DHSR, H.P.
- 38. Sh. Arun Kumar, Sr. Assistant, O/o DME&R HP.

At the outset, Dr. Naresh Kumar Lath (IAS), Special Secretary-cum-Director Health Safety & Regulation-cum-Member Secretary State Supervisory Board (SSB) welcomed the Chair and all the participants for the meeting cum sensitization workshop.

Dr. Mahesh Jaswal, State Programme Officer made a presentation on, "Understanding of the Pre-Conception And Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition Of Sex Selection) Act ,1994 (herein after referred to as Act) and its provisions along with district wise trends of Child Sex Ratio, Birth Sex Ratio," in Himachal Pradesh.

This was followed up with presentation on, "Beti Bachao Beti Padao Programme," by Sh. Suresh Kumar Sharma, Deputy Director, Women & Child Development Department and also on the initiatives being undertaken by the Department.

The house was briefed about the reconstitution of the State Supervisory Board vide Notification dated 28.04.2018 and its functions, Minutes of the previous meeting held on 03.06.2017 and action taken thereof were noted and confirmed.

Thereafter the agenda wise items were taken up for discussion and the following decisions were taken thereon :-

1. **Inspections:** District wise inspections of registered centers under the Act for the year 2018-19 and 1st Quarter of 2019-20 was presented before the house. All the members were apprised that as per the requirement of the Act each centre has to be inspected at least once in three months & for that purpose all the District Health Officers and Block Medical Officers have been authorized to conduct inspections in addition to the Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) -cum-Chairman District Appropriate Authority(DAA) . The Chair emphasized upon the need for gearing up of the inspections as per the mandate of the Act. **(All DAAs)**

2. **Review of Violations/Cases:** District wise detailed status on each violation under the Act was presented before the house. Status update of sting operation conducted by district police Hamirpur on 03.02.218 at Ghumarwin, District Bilaspur of Vaid Hari Ram Memorial Hospital was presented before the house. DAA Hamirpur Dr. (Mrs) Archana Soni apprised the house that Dr. (Mrs) Savitri Katwal, the then CMO Hamirpur was involved in the sting as a witness and the action regarding notice, sealing of machine was conducted by CMO-cum-Chairman DAA Bilaspur. After detailed deliberation CMO Bilaspur was directed to take immediate further action as per the Act.

The Chair further directed that all DAAs to take effective measures for each and every violation as per provisions of the act. **(DAA Bilaspur; All DAAs)**

3. **Writ Petition (Civil) No.129 of 2017:** All the members were apprised about the landmark decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on dated 3.5.2019 in case titled as Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI) Vs Union of India in above said writ petition that has held that the complete contents of Form F are mandatory & further held that no case is made out for striking down the provisions to Section 4(3),20,23 and 30 of the Act, detailed judgment has been uploaded in the website of DHSR at link at http://www.hp.gov.in/dhsrhp/42056_2016_Judgement_03-May-2019.pdf. **(All)**

4. **Utilization of USG Machines in Government Sector:** The house was informed about the District wise status of functional USG centers in the government sector. The chair directed that the machines in the government sector must be optimally utilized as per the provisions of the Act in the best interest of the public. The chair directed all CMOs that available

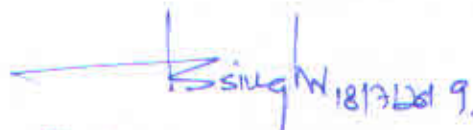
radiologists/sonologist on prefixed dates/ days must visit all registered centers in their respective districts as per roaster. (All DAAs)

5. **Six Months Training Rules, 2014:** The issue of Six Months Training Rules, 2014 was deliberated in detail in view of judgment of Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh and SLP filed in Hon'ble Supreme Court by Government of India, decision dated 14.3.2018. The house was informed that Director Medical Education has given specific directions to the Principal IGMC Shimla and RPMGC Tanda for starting the training . Dr. Gopal Beri, Deputy Director, Directorate of Health Services further apprised that there would be intake of two batches of MBBS doctors of 10 each on the basis of NEET qualified merit for which Director Medical Education has been requested to get the necessary requisition/ permission in the Prospectus for the year 2020. (DME)
6. **Medical Auditing of Form F and record keeping:** The house was briefed about the importance of Medical auditing of Form F and record keeping as per the provisions of the Act. The Chair directed that this may be a regular feature by the inspecting Authorities. (All DAAs)
7. **Whatsapp Group:** Ms Ritu singh sought clarification on the role of Non Official Members in implementation of the Act. The house was apprised that the non official members have direct access with the masses and have an important role under advocacy/awareness as well as complaint/violation in any centre that may be forwarded to the concerned Chief Medical Officer for an appropriate action. It was further informed that Information Education & Communication (IEC) pamphlets are available in the Directorate of Health Safety & Regulation and all CMOs were requested to collect the same. The Chair stressed upon the need of whatsapp group in which all the official and non official members are added which would be a

nice platform to the members for offering views, clearing doubts, addressing complaints etc.(DHSR/DAA/ All Members) .

- 8. **Miscellaneous:** The Chair appreciated the efforts of the Health and Women & Child Development Department and further stressed upon the importance of participatory involvement of all the members in effective implementation of the Act and its provisions. He felt the need that all the Chief Medical Officers have to effectively monitor their Block Medical Officers for not only in the implementation of the PC PNDDT Act but also for all the Acts/Schemes/ Programmes being run by the Department . The chair further requested Member Secretary SSB to ensure that in future this meeting be regularly held as per the mandate of the Act.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and to all participants by Sh. Sandeep Negi, Additional Secretary(Health) to the overnment Of Himachal Pradesh.



**Chairman SSB PC PNDDT Act
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Health Minister, Govt.Of H.P**