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Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
(Statistics Division)

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Steering Committee for National Health Portal (NHP)

The Ministry is setting up a National Health Portal in pursuance to the decisions of the National Knowledge Commission, to provide health information and healthcare related information to the citizens of India to serve as a single point of access for consolidated health information, application and resources on the sector with the aim to cater to a wide spectrum of users such as academicians, citizens, students, healthcare professionals, researchers etc. The National Health Portal would enable access to reliable, easy to understand and multilingual health information from an interactive portal. The National Institute of Health & Family Welfare (NIHFW) will establish a Centre for Health Informatics to be the secretariat for managing the activities of the National Health Portal. To steer the activities of the National Health Portal, a Steering Committee is constituted with the following composition:

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| 1) Dr NK Ganguly, Ex-DG ICMR | - | Chairperson |
| 2) Dr LM Nath, former Director, AIIMS | - | Co-Chairperson |
| 3) Ms Madhu Bala, Addl DG (Stats), MoHFW | - | Member |
| 4) Director, NCDC, MoHFW | - | Member |
| 5) Joint Secretary, DIT | - | Member |
| 6) Dr Y.K. Sharma, DDG (NIC) | - | Member |
| 7) Shri P C Cyriac, DDG (Stats), MoHFW | - | Member |
| 8) Director, NIHFW | - | Member |
| 9) Dr S.K. Mishra, Professor, SGPGI | - | Member |
| 10) Nominee of Secretary, Deptt. of Health
Research, MoHFW | - | Member |
| 11) Nominee of Secretary, NACO, MoHFW | - | Member |
| 12) Nominee of DGHS | - | Member |
| 13) Prof. Shashikant, Centre for Community
Medicine, AIIMS | - | Member |
| 14) Dr. B.V. Adhkoli, Centre for Medical Education
Technology, K.L. Wig Centre, AIIMS | - | Member |

15) Dr Suresh Kochattil, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals	-	Member
16) Dr. Rajesh Narang, Chief Technology Officer, National Institute of Smart Governance	-	Member
17) Shri Shatrunjay Rawat, System Associate Professor, IIIT, Hyderabad	-	Member
18) Project Director, CHI / Director (Stats.), MoHFW	-	Member Secretary*
19) Principle Secretaries(HFW) of States of Assam /Bihar/ Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh	-	Special Invitee
20) Dr.K. Srinath Reddy, President, PHFI	-	Special Invitee
21) Dr.Sangeeta Reddy, Joint MD, Apollo Hospital	-	Special Invitee
22) Dr.B.S. Bedi, C-DAC	-	Special Invitee
*Director (Stats.), MoHFW will officiate as Member Secretary till the Project Director, CHI is in position.		

2. The Terms of Reference of the Committee are:-

- (i) To provide strategic direction to the NHP initiative.
- (ii) Coordination and interaction with Ministries / Departments, State Governments, Research Institutions, Universities, Medical Colleges, Health Institutions, Professional Bodies etc. for collection, collation and validation of health related information.
- (iii) Identifying key institutions for promoting partnership with the Centre for Health Informatics for furthering the NHP initiative
- (iv) To oversee, coordinate and monitor the implementation of the activities related to the National Health Portal through the Centre for Health Informatics.
- (v) Formulating protocols for vetting, validating and disseminating health related information for use by the various stake holders.
- (vi) Identifying enabling platforms for providing health information and health resources for the health professionals, health care workers, student communities, CBOs, etc.
- (vii) Any other matter related to the above.

3. The Committee may appoint Sub Committees by including official and non-official members for technical matters (including that from the State Governments and Institutions) to work out the details and thematic areas for the NHP initiative. Some of the theme areas where Sub Committees may be constituted could include:

- a) Evolving / adapting platforms for health information exchange
- b) E-health strategy and framework including implementation approach and capacity building.

- c) Leveraging Common Service Centres (CSCs) for dissemination of information
4. The Committee may seek participation of officers in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and other Ministries as necessary to ensure that the portal related activities are addressed holistically. The Statistics Division will serve as the Secretariat for the Committee.
5. The TA/DA of official members of the Committee will be borne by their respective Ministries, Departments or Institutions, while for the non-official members, the TA/DA will be borne by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
6. This issues with the approval of Secretary (H&FW).


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All Members and Special Invitees of the Committee

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