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Subject: Directions of Hon'ble Health & Family Welfare Minister

1. Hon'ble Health & Family Welfare Minister (the President of different Institutes under the AIIMS Act) visited AIIMS Patna on 21 June, 2014. He interacted with students, senior management (SE, DDA, FA and MS), staff, Director, AIIMS, Patna and faculty. He also inspected IPD, OPD, hostels, under-construction buildings and other facilities in the Main Campus of AIIMS Patna. He also met local MLAs, MPs, eminent persons and package contractors at the campus.

2. The following are the gist of the directions issued on spot by HFM for compliance with immediate effect by all concerned as indicated in brackets against each:

2.1. Goal should be to work towards making the new AIIMS to be among the best institutes in the world. Aim should be delivery of best possible affordable health care. (Action: Directors, Faculty and senior management of each new AIIMS, PMSSY Division)

2.2. Highest standards of medical and nursing education should be delivered to students in a feasible and scientific manner without wastage of scarce resources. (Action: Directors, Faculty and senior management of each new AIIMS)

2.3. Director, AIIMS and his team must work round the clock with full dedication and remove bottlenecks in the area of setting up the Institute. They must work with 100% transparency and comply with Government guidelines and Rules. They should work in such a manner that the AIIMS works should be completed around 20 December, 2014 so that it is dedicated to the nation by the PM. The contractors must be asked with clear terms that they must fulfill their contractual obligations and complete works by 20 December, 2014. Project supervision needs improvement. (Action: Directors and senior management of each new AIIMS, PMSSY Division)

2.4. A Department of Environmental and Occupational Medicine should be created in each of the six new AIIMS. (Action: PMSSY Division)

2.5. All six new AIIMS should be green campuses. The focus should be on water recycling, renewable energy, biological waste management, air pollution reduction, noise pollution reduction etc. AIIMS, Delhi has been asked to prepare a pilot and “concept plan”. Ministry should co-ordinate. (Action: Directors and senior management of each new AIIMS, PMSSY Division)

2.6. Medical Ethics has been ignored over the years. It should get prime focus and there is a need to restore respect for the medical and nursing professionals. All the six new AIIMS must re-orient their focus. Ministry should coordinate among all AIIMS and other Institutions of National Importance (INI) such as PGIMER and JIPMER for series of Workshops on Medical Ethics. (Action: Director of each INI, MoHFW)

2.7. The faculty and the students must work towards developing an attitude for positive and healthy way of life in every Indian. Health has to be made a big social movement involving all sections of the society. (Action: Directors and faculty of each new AIIMS)

2.8. AIIMS Patna should contribute its efforts towards eradication of Kala Azar. (Action: Directors and faculty of each new AIIMS, MoHFW)

2.9. Department of AYUSH must have a pride of place in every new AIIMS. There should be focus on integrated medicine and related technology. Indigenous systems of medicine should not be ignored. (Action: Directors and faculty of each new AIIMS)
2.10. Faculty must realize that they have a duty towards society and country. Being an Assistant Professor or above in an AIIMS is a huge privilege. The Faculty must appreciate that all facilities and comforts would not be available in a new institution (new AIIMS) like AIIMS Patna. They should work towards bigger goal of making AIIMS Patna the best Institute. (Action: Directors and faculty of each new AIIMS)

2.11. The problems expressed by both medical and nursing students in respect of kitchen conditions, food quality, para-clinical laboratories, nursing laboratories, playgrounds etc. must be attended to by Director AIIMS Patna and his team. Living conditions in and around hostels need improvement. (Action: Director, AIIMS Patna, faculty of AIIMS Patna, senior management of AIIMS Patna and PMSSY Division)

2.12. There should be modern kitchen equipment facilities in every other five new AIIMS, on the lines of AIIMS Bhopal which HFM visited on 16 June 2014. Ministry should coordinate for other five AIIMS for this. (Action: Directors of new AIIMS, senior management of new AIIMS and PMSSY Division)

2.13. There must be 500 % transparency in respect of all procurements done by AIIMS. There would be zero tolerance to corruption at any level. Details of procurement should be hosted on website by each new AIIMS so that everyone knows the status. (Action: Directors of new AIIMS, senior management of new AIIMS and PMSSY Division)

2.14. Tender and procurement being done by HLL must be displayed on HLL website with linkage to websites of each new AIIMS and to PMSSY-Ministry website so that everyone comes to know the status. (Action: Directors of new AIIMS, CMD-HLL and PMSSY Division)

2.15. There will be difference in time frame when procurement is done locally at individual AIIMS levels and for all AIIMS centrally by PSA (HLL). However, central procurement has its advantages and would be continued. Secretary, HFW will take a meeting with CMD, HLL and review time frame of procurement being done by HLL as PSA for six new AIIMS. (Action: CMD-HLL and PMSSY Division)

2.16. Every Doctor handling patients in OPD and in IPD must adopt rational drug policy. (Action: Directors and faculty of each new AIIMS)

2.17. Essential Drug List must be prepared and prescribed. It should be displayed prominently in OPD areas in English, Hindi and local language (where applicable). All the essential drugs must be available in AIIMS Drug Store so that patients can buy them at reasonable prices against prescriptions of AIIMS Doctors. (Action: Directors of new AIIMS, senior management of new AIIMS and PMSSY Division)

2.18. All Doctors in AIIMS must adopt the prescribed standard treatment procedures. (Action: Directors of new AIIMS, senior management of new AIIMS and PMSSY Division)

2.19. There should be focus on Geriatric Medicine in each new AIIMS. Ministry should coordinate. (Action: PMSSY Division)

2.20. A School of Public Health with international collaboration must be set up in each new AIIMS. Ministry should coordinate. (Action: PMSSY Division)

2.21. All package contractors must deploy manpower and other resources. They must work round the clock (multiple shifts) and complete the work in all respects by 20 December, 2014. Ministry can use the process of blacklisting the delinquent contractors if they default. (Action: Directors of new AIIMS, senior management of new AIIMS and PMSSY Division)

2.22. The reasons behind delay and slow progress, given by contractors were apparently without any valid basis. They must work sincerely and complete their respective works by the deadline of 20 December, 2014. (Action: Directors of new AIIMS, senior management of new AIIMS and PMSSY Division)

2.23. Additional land for AIIMS Patna needs to be pursued with the State Government. The Chief Minister, Bihar has assured HFM in his meeting on 20 June 2014 that the State Government would give additional land, adjacent to present location, free of cost, to AIIMS Patna. (Action: Director AIIMS Patna, senior management of AIIMS Patna and PMSSY Division)
2.24. There should be no delay in processing the bills of suppliers and contractors and in release of funds. (Action: AS&FA MoHFW, CCA MoHFW, Directors of new AIIMS, senior management of new AIIMS and PMSSY Division)

3. HFM has desired that monitoring of progress of new AIIMS shall also be at his level.

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