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Dear colleague,

You are aware that at the launch of Ayushman Bharat -Health and Wellness Centres (HWC) Hon'ble Prime Minister on April 14th 2018, the NCD module of Comprehensive Primary Health Care - IT system was also a part of the launch.

Two critical components for the provision of Comprehensive Primary Health Care through HWCs include population enumeration & empanelment of the population in the catchment area of HWCs, and provision of unique health IDs along with creation of longitudinal e-health record for all registered individuals to facilitate follow up and ensure continuum of care. The indicative costs for HWCs shared with States/UTs makes provision for two tablets at each Sub Centre HWC (for MPW-F and Mid-Level Healthcare Provider) to facilitate these two components. However, ASHAs at the community level are also expected to undertake population enumeration and risk assessment manually and maintain paper-based records / registers. This data is then expected to be entered into the IT application at the level of HWC by the ANM or Mid-level provider. This poses an additional burden of data entry on these members of the PHC team and also increases the risk of data entry errors given that every HWC in plain areas needs to cater to a minimum of 5000 population.

The use of a smart phone by the ASHA, is expected to eliminate the burden of converting the manual records into digital records. Accordingly, it has been decided that ASHAs and ASHA facilitators working in the catchment area of HWCs would be provided with smartphones. The use of smart phones by ASHA to capture key information about each individual would allow for automated registration and compilation of the population data base. A separate IT application is being developed for ASHA facilitators to support them in mentoring and supervising the outreach activities of the ASHAs and to ensure universal coverage at community level for all services envisaged under HWCs.

To kick start the process, states are advised to procure smart phones for ASHAs and ASHA facilitators in those HWCs to be operationalized in this financial year. Suggested minimum specifications of the smartphones are enclosed as Annexure. State may propose for

additional funds required in the State PIP FY 2018-19 and may also explore availability of state funds

With regard,

Yours sincerely,



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- 1) Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary (HFW) – All States/UTs
- 2) ED,NHSRC

Annexure

1. Screen Size - 5 inch or 5.5 inch
2. Processor and Memory - 2GB RAM + 16GB internal storage
3. Battery - Minimum 3300mAh
4. Android Version - 6.0+