

**MEETING OF PROGRAMME OFFICERS OF
DISTRICT BLINDNESS CONTROL PROGRAMME**

Minutes of mtg dated 12-5-2010

SN	Item	Action to be taken	Officer Concerned	Target Date	Remarks
IMPORTANT POINTS					
1	Incharge District Programme- Kindly put-up the file containing guidelines for appointment of District Programme Officers for this programme. Should we appoint Eye Surgeons as district heads?	ACS / DHO Member Secretaries	Programme Officers		There is no problem.
2	Rationalization of postings- We should try to fill up all the vacant posts. Eye-surgeons posted against other posts be posted against sanctioned posts.		State Nodal Officer (SNO)		Proposal received.
3	Identification of curable blindness in the State	1% of the population suffers from curable blindness. The targets for ASHAs can be fixed as per this criteria and their work can be reviewed every month both at the District and State level. We may devise incentives for every kind of blindness other than cataract for ASHAs.	SNO		
4	Meeting of State Blindness Control Society	Meeting of the State Blindness Control Society should be held on regular basis.	SNO		
5	Meeting of District Society for control of blindness	We should review the meetings of the societies which are to be held every quarter.	SNO		

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PIP 2009-10					
1	Appointment of Ophthalmic Assistants- Kindly put up the case for appointment of requisite no. of these assistants.		SNO		Case submitted to Hon'ble Health Minister for approval. Appointments be made immediately.
2	Eye-Counsellors- Put up the case for appointment of 5 Eye-Counsellors.		SNO		Case sent to Hon'ble Health Minister for approval.
3	Eye-Banks- Rs. 15 lacs grant for each of 5 Eye-Banks. We should try to set-up Eye-Banks at Jalandhar and Bathinda.	There are 5 Eye banks - Sohana, Punarjot and 3 Medical Colleges. Proposals be invited from them for availing Rs. 15 lacs grant from Government of India. Area of the eye-bank be defined and be circulated to all the districts.	SNO		
4	Eye donation- Kindly have registers printed for eye-donors at every hospital.		Programme Officer		Registers have been got printed and are being circulated.
	Cretoplasty- We should set-up this facility at Jalandhar, Tarn-Taran, Hoshiarpur and Bathinda.	Civil Surgeons of 4-5 districts have been requested to apply for EDC, but there is no progress. Rs. 1 lac grant can be availed from Government of India. State Nodal Officer may kindly get the applications for and more hospitals and send them to DRME.	SNO		No progress
5	RIO Amritsar- Release the grant and ensure its utilization (Rs. 60 lacs GMC Amritsar, Rs. 40 lacs GMC Patiala).	PHSC has been asked to purchase equipment as per the demand of RIO Amritsar as per Annexure 3A.	MD PHSC / SNO		MD PHSC may kindly expedite the purchase.

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6	Eye Camps- Permission for OPD and eye surgeries should be given with due care and a committee be appointed to inspect the places for verification whether the NGOs are complying with the conditions stipulated in the permission letter.	(1) MoU to be signed with NGO and private practitioners. (2) New forms to be got printed having the detail of persons alongwith their mobile numbers. (3) State Nodal Officer to monitor the progress of MoUs and the work done by them in a separate annexure.	PO / Civil Surgeons / SNO		
7	Phaco Machine- One more machine be purchase for the district Muktsar. Programme Officer, Head-quarter to certify that each phaco machine has a well trained Eye-Surgeon and the machine is being put to effective use.	(1) A committee of experts be set up to devise specifications for IOLs for use of Phaco machines. (2) Details of eye-surgeons be put up and training schedule for phaco machines be drawn up. Firstly, we should train all the eye surgeons posted at district head quarter and thereafter other eye-surgeons posted at SDH/CHCs. (3) It may be ensured that only Phaco trained eye-surgeons are posted at district head quarter. (4) In some of the districts, utilization of Phaco machine is very poor. State Nodal Officer may kindly put-up the detailed reasons and ensure utilization of Phaco machine by posting new eye-surgeons.	SNO		
OTHER AGENDA ITEMS					

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1	School Health- Progress under school health is not being reflected by DPCSs. Kindly capture this information also.	(1) The target is about 6% of all school children. (2) State Nodal Officer may kindly put-up district-wise targets and achievements in consultation with State Nodal Officer School Health.	District POs/ SNO		
2	Free supply of spectacles- Kindly capture the relevant information and ensure that about 7-8% of school children are given free spectacles.	All Programme Officers to send the details of number of children who reported at CHC/SDH/DH through referral cards for refraction problem and number of children who were given spectacles.	District POs/ SNO		
3	Utilization of funds- Nodal Officer to distribute the funds in districts and ensure immediate utilization.	(1) Good- Amritsar, Faridkot, Ferozepur, Fatehgarh Sahib, Hoshiarpur, Ludhiana, Moga, Ropar, Sangrur, Tarn-Taran. (2) Poor- Bathinda, Jalandhar, Mukatsar, Nawanshahr, Patiala. (3) Very Poor- Gurdaspur, Mohali. (4) Others reasonable.	PO / SNO		State Nodal Officer may kindly visit Mohali and Gurdaspur and find out the reasons.
4	Diabetic Retinal Blindness	State Nodal Officer to circulate detailed guidelines for availability of facility for treatment of this problem in Government Medical College, Patiala to all districts.	SNO		
5	Purchase of essential items for Ophthalmic Assistants and Eye-Surgeons.	State Nodal Officer may kindly fix source and rates for these small items and District Programme Officers may be authorized to buy them.	PO / SNO		
6	Purchase	State Nodal Officer may kindly compile the list of items to be purchased and the stage at which case is pending.	SNO		
PIP 2010-11					

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1	PIP 2010-11	State Nodal Officer may kindly circulate PIP 2010-11 to all Programme Officers and indicate the action to be taken by them.	SNO		
2	Transfer of Funds	State Nodal Officer may transfer the funds due to all districts.	SNO		
3	Purchase of new equipment	State Nodal Officer may put-up the cases for purchase of new equipment and ensure that all the equipment are purchased before July 2010.	SNO		
4	PIP Sub-activities	State Nodal Officer may divide the PIP into sub-activities and give the detail as follows- SN, Sub-Activity, Financial Target, Physical Target, Work to be done, To be done by Whom, Target Date, Present Status.	SNO		