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To

All the Deputy Director of Higher Education,
Himachal Pradesh

Subject:- Regarding organizing National De-Worming Day on 10th Feb., 2016 and Mop up day on 15th Feb., 2016 in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

This is with reference to letter No.HFW-H(NDD)2016-2655 dated 21-01-2016, received from the Mission Director, National Health Mission, Himachal Pradesh, on the subject cited above and it has been informed that Soil Transmitted Helminthes(STH) are significant public health concerns in India, which shows detrimental impact of STH infections on physical growth, anemia, under nutrition and cognitive developmental impact as well as school attendance. Periodic De-Worming can reduce the transmission of STH infections. **National De-Worming Day (NDD) will be organized on 10th February 2016 and Mop up day on 15th February 2016, across the country through schools and aanganwadi centers' alongwith intensive awareness generation activities focusing benefits of consuming Albendazole and adopting sanitation hygiene practices.** Due to vacations in winter closing schools, **the National De-worming Day will be organized only in District Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra and Una** and in other Districts De-worming day will be organized in the month of April, 2016.

In schools, teachers will administer 1 Albendazole tablet to all the students enrolled in the school and will record the same in the attendance register. In this regard, the role of Department of Higher Education is as under:-

- **Place requisite indent for Albendazole tablet supply to the Department of Health based on school enrollment and estimates out of school children.**
- **Train teachers to administer De-worming drugs at schools and briefing them on possible adverse events and their management.**
- **Dissemination of IEC material to all schools, including community mobilization through School Management Committees.**

- Encourage schools to conduct other community mobilization activities through school assembly, health and sanitation days, interaction with parents and community members.
- Departmental officials to undertake field monitoring visits- report coverage data to Department of Health in standardized reporting formats within specified timelines in the cascade.
- Ensuring involvement of Private Schools.

You are therefore, directed to issue necessary instructions to all field functionaries under your control to coordinate and participate in this programme to make it success in the state.



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Joint Director of Higher Education(C),
Himachal Pradesh

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Copy for information and necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Directorate of Health Services, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1, w.r.t. letter No.HFW-H(NDD)2016-2655 dated 21-01-2016.
2. The Director of Elementary Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1, alongwith copy of letter received from the quarter concerned.
3. The State Project Director (SSA/RMSA), Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1, alongwith copy of letter received from the quarter concerned.
4. The Superintendent (G-II), IT Cell, with the direction to upload the same on the departmental website.
5. Guard file.



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