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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (रेल मंत्रालय)
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No.2016/H/16/3.

New Delhi, Dated: 29.06.2016.

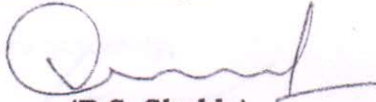
General Managers
All Indian Railways including PUs & RDSO

Sub:- Phasing out of Dental Amalgam and Mercury BP Instruments and Thermometer.

Ref:- Directorate General (Health Services) Government of India's letter number No. Z-28016/62-14-MH(part) dated- 08/03/2016.

A copy of approved minutes of the meeting on the above mentioned subject received from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide letter cited under reference, is enclosed herewith. The competent authority in the Ministry of Railway has decided to implement the recommendations, mutatis-mutandis, as contained in the approved minutes of the meeting on Indian Railways.


This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Directorate in the Ministry of Railways.


(R.S. Shukla)
Joint Director /Health
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- I. Comptroller and Auditor General Of India (Railways), Room No. 224, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
- II. Principal Directors of Audit/All Indian Railways including PUs & RDSO.


For Financial Commissioner/Railways

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FTS. No.- 3048292
F.NoZ-28016/62-14-MH(Part)
Directorate General of Health Services

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 08th March, 2016

Minutes of the meeting

Subject: The approved minutes of the meeting regarding phasing out of Dental Amalgam and Mercury BP Instruments and Thermometer held under the Chairmanship of Dr. N.S. Dharamshaktu, Additional Director General of Health Services on 25th February, 2016 at 3:00 pm onwards in Room No 439B(A wing), Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

The undersigned is directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and to enclose the approved minutes for further necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. L Swasticharan)
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Encl: As above

To,

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3. Dr. Anil Kumar, DG (RHS), Min. Of Railway, Room No. 348, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi
4. Director of Health Services, GNCT, Karkardooma, New Delhi
5. Dr.R.K.Kataria, Medical Commissioner, ESI, Panchdeep Bhawan, CIG Marg, New Delhi
6. Dr.Inder Prakash , DDG (PH), Dte.G.H.S, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
7. Dr. Mohd. Shaukat, DDG(NCD), Dte.GHS, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
8. Dr.K.S.Sachdeva, Addl DDG (KS), Dte.GHS, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
9. Dr. Gajendra Kumar, Advisor/ Health Ministry of Railways
10. Dr. K.S.Mahar, CMO HR, South Delhi Municipal Corporation
11. Dr. Ajay Logani, Prof. CDER, AIIMS, New Delhi
12. Brig.S.K.Bhandari, DDGDS, New Delhi
13. Dr. Mahesh Verma, Director Principal, Maulana Azad Institute of Medical Sciences
14. Dr. Sangeeta Talwar, Maulana Azad Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi

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15. Dr. Pankaj Khatri, DGAFMS, Ministry of Defence, New Delhi
16. Dr.H.P.Singh, HOD, Department of Dental, Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi
17. HOD, Department of Dental, Safdurjung Hospital, New Delhi
18. Dr. Sushma Gupta, DHASDMC, 18th Level, SPM Civic Centre, Minto Road, New Delhi-2
19. Dr. P.K.Sharma, Medical Officer Health, Room No. 1002, 10th Floor, New Delhi, Municipal Council, Palika Kendra, New Delhi-1
20. Secretary General, IMA, IMA Bhawan, ITO, New Delhi
21. Dr. Praveen Verma, President, IDA, Delhi Branch, Delhi
22. Dr.Kumar Rajan, DANTAH, Multi- speciality Dental Care,
23. Dr. Amrita Gorla, Head, Dept of Dentistry, MEDANTA Hospital, Gurgaon, Haryana

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1. PPS to DGHS
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3. PA to CMO(LS)

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Minutes of the Meeting regarding Phasing out of Dental Amalgam and Mercury BP Instruments and Thermometer

A meeting regarding phasing out of Dental Amalgam and Mercury BP Instruments and Thermometer, was held with various stake holders of Delhi-NCR Region, under the chairmanship of Dr. N.S. Dharmshaktu, Addl. Director General, on 25th February, 2016 at 3 p.m. in R.No.439B(A-wing), New Delhi (List of participants is enclosed). The Chairman introduced the objective of the meeting to the participants stating that the Government of India has already signed Minimata Convention on Mercury and resolution has been taken for phasing out of mercury BP Instruments, Thermometer and Dental Amalgam by 2020. The Government of India's strategy for phasing out and guidelines has been given to all the Central Government Hospitals and the States/UTs have also been requested for phasing out of these products by 2020, which has been included in the IPHS for district hospitals.

The Secretary General of Indian Medical Association (IMA) handed over to the Chairman the IMA phasing out policy of mercury BP instruments and thermometer by 27th December 2016, and he informed that an appeal is also being sent to all the IMA members. Dr. RML Hospital, Medanta Hospital, and DGAFMS, Max Hospital, informed that Mercury Amalgam, including BP instruments and thermometer have been completely phased out by them. The DGFMS has issued instructions to all the Medical and Procurement Agencies under Armed Forces Medical Services to stop procuring mercury based medical devices w.e.f. 13th December, 2016 and phase out existing such devices in consonance with national policy. According to the information collected through Regional Directors of HFW, six States have phased out mercury thermometer and sphygmomanometer (Delhi, Chandigarh, Goa, Haryana, Punjab and Madhya Pradesh) and in other States, it is at various phases. The Advisor- Health, Railways, stated that Railways has phased out about 70% and gradually they will be able to do it before the target date by 2020.

