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Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110 003
Dated the 16th June, 2015

To

Director
Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Hearing Handicapped
K.C. Marg, Bandra Reclamation
Bandra (West)
Mumbai-400 050

Subject: Cochlear Implant Surgery under ADIP Scheme (2014-15)-empanelment of more hospitals to meet the desired target-regarding

Sir,
I am directed to refer to your letter No.Dir/2015/04 dated 28.04.2015 and decisions taken in the meeting of Core Group for Hearing Impaired held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (DEPwD) on 21.05.2015, on the above mentioned subject.

2. Approval of the Competent Authority is hereby conveyed for empanelment of 90 Hospitals (both Government and Private) to meet the desired target and to enhance the pace of Cochlear Implant surgeries under ADIP Scheme as indicated in Annexure-II of the Minutes of the meeting. A copy of Minutes of the meeting is enclosed for taking necessary action as contained in para 7 of the decisions taken in the meeting, concerning AYJNIHH.

3. You are also requested to take further action like signing of MoU with empanelled Hospital (s) urgently under intimation to this Department.

Encl: As above



Yours faithfully,

(Signature)

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1. Chairman-cum Managing Director, Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India, G. T. Road, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. It is requested that follow up action taken with regard to para 7 (viii) of the decision i.e. CSR funding for Cochlear Implant from Corporate Sector may be furnished urgently (Email: cmdalimeo@artlimbs.com; dr_sarin79@yahoo.co.in).

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2. Ms. Kiran Puri, Joint Secretary & I.A. Mo. Social Justice & Empowerment, Mantri Bhawan, New Delhi (Email: puri.kiran@nic.in)
3. Prof. Dr. Arun Agarwal, N-9, Green Park Main, New Delhi-110 016 (Email: arunmanc@gmail.com)
4. Dr.J.M. Hans, ENT Surgeon, A-50, Basement, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110 024 (Email: jmhans1@gmail.com)

Copy also to:

PS to Minister (SJ&E)/PS to Minister of State (SJ&E-KP)/Sr.PPS to Secretary (DEPwD)/PPS to JS (AKA), DEPwD.

Minutes of the meeting of Core Group for Hearing Impaired held on 21.05.2015 regarding Cochlear Implant under ADIP Scheme

A meeting was taken by Secretary (DEPwD) on 21.05.2015 at 10.00 a.m. in Conference Room No. 410, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110 003, regarding Cochlear Implant under ADIP Scheme. The list of participants of the meeting is at **Annexure I**.

2. Secretary, DEPwD welcomed all the participants and requested Shri Awanish K. Awasthi, JS (DEPwD) to brief about the meeting.
3. Joint Secretary (AKA) made a brief statement about the provision of Cochlear Implant under ADIP scheme and subsequent developments since launch of the Scheme in Mumbai on 03.12.2014. As only 106 surgeries have been done as on date, he urged the need for empanelment of more hospitals to meet the deficient target for 2014-15 and asked Director AYJNIHH, Mumbai to present the brief about the status of the Cochlear Implant Program till date.
4. Director, AYJNIHH, Mumbai informed that out of 31 hospitals approved as per letter No.4-2(8)/2014/DD-1 dated 03.03.2015, 23 hospitals have signed MoU with AYJNIHH, Mumbai and 104 surgeries have been performed till date out of 465 cases allotted. All the surgeries have been conducted successfully.
5. Dr. J M Hans raised the issue of not making any provision for the payment to mentor surgeon in the Scheme. He also mentioned that the Surgeons should have the option to choose a particular brand of cochlear implant out of two brands shortlisted through tender. He mentioned that some of the States like Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu are running their own schemes for providing cochlear implants. Therefore, we should concentrate on States/ UTs where there is no such Scheme. He also stated that the Scheme has not gained momentum because of the fact that the number of empanelled hospitals are very less, which need to be increased in a sizable manner so that we reach every nook and corner of the country. He also mentioned that there are issues of telemetry equipments and spares for the implant to be provided by vendor prior to Surgery which need urgent attention.
6. CMD, ALIMCO, informed that the order for 300 implants has been executed by the L1 Company. L2 Company has matched the

price of L1. Accordingly the order for 200 implants for L1 party has also been issued by ALIMCO.

7. After detailed deliberations, the Committee took following decisions:-

- i. To meet the desired target and to enhance the pace of the surgeries, the Committee decided to empanel 90 hospitals (both Government and Private) as per list enclosed at **Annexure-II**. All applicant hospitals if they meet the requirements were considered. Eligibility of hospitals, however, will be subject to recommendation by the concerned Committee of AYJNIHH, Mumbai.
- ii. Director AYJNIHH, Mumbai to ensure that the hospitals should have a mentor surgeon with the experience of having 25 implants or more surgery.
- iii. The Mentor Surgeon may be paid an Honorarium of Rs 25,000/- per surgery which will include the TA/DA and fees, within the overall of Rs. 60,000/- approved for surgery per child in the Core Group meeting held on 28.01.2015 (No.4-2(8)/2014/DD-1 Dated 04.02.2015). Honorarium charges of Mentor Surgeon may be included and shown in the bill by concerned Hospital.
- iv. On the request of the expert as provided by Dr. Hans, the surgeon may be given the option to choose one of brands out of two Cochlear Implant brands, subject to availability, for which the orders have been issued by the ALIMCO. This will facilitate the particular surgeon to perform the surgery effectively to get better results.
- v. Director, AYJNIHH, Mumbai to ensure that all the surgeons have access to the telemetry software and hardware and spare parts to be made available by the vendor prior to surgery. A detailed report on telemetry software, hardware and spare parts at each hospital may be put up in one week to the Ministry.
- vi. The Disability Certificate required as per the provision of the ADIP scheme must be mandatory.
- vii. For providing cochlear implant benefits to the beneficiaries having family income of more than Rs. 20,000/per month, Director, AYJNIHH may submit the proposal to the Department for a policy decision in this regard where the beneficiaries may be allowed the benefits on full payment of Rs. 6.00 lakh without subsidy.