

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES  
SWASTHYA BHAVAN, SALT LAKE  
KOLKATA - 700091**

No: HFW-18058/2/2019-CD SEC-Dept. of H&FW *A2616 (1)* Date *21.5.2019*

To

1) The Chief Medical Officer of Health

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2) The Principal/Medical Supdt.-cum-Vice Principal

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Sub: Regarding application for two-year programme of Master of  
Public Health (MPH) in Epidemiology and Health Systems.

Enclosed please find herewith a D.O. No. Z-28015/5/2019-NHM-I dated 26.02.2019 from the Additional Secretary & Mission Director (NHM) to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi-110001 which is self-explanatory.

You are hereby requested to take necessary action for wide circulation of the above D.O. among the promising candidates to create a cadre of Public Health Professionals equipped to address current and emerging public health challenges.

It is also informed that the selected candidates for the course can avail the TR facilities as per existing rule.

This instruction must be followed strictly.

Encl: As stated above.

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1) I.T. Cell, Swasthya Bhavan for wide circulation of the said D.O.

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Government of West Bengal

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Additional Secretary &amp; Mission Director (NHM)



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NIRMAN BHAVAN, NEW DELHI - 110011

D.O. No.: Z-28015/5/2019-NHM-I

Dated the 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

RS 28/3/19  
 Asst. In-charge  
 Central Finance Section  
 Directorate of Health Services  
 State of West Bengal

Dear Mission Director,

I am writing to you with reference to building capacity of medical officers at State and District levels, so that we can create a cadre of public health professionals equipped to address current and emerging public health challenges.

As you are aware, the National Institute of Epidemiology, an ICMR institution, offers a two-year programme of Master of Public Health (MPH) in Epidemiology and Health Systems that is affiliated with the Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), Thiruvananthapuram, an Institute of National Importance.

This MPH is a competency-based modular programme delivered over a two year period through contact sessions and applied field work. 68% of the credits are expected to be met through field projects mostly at their place of work (16 months) and 32% through contact sessions held at ICMR-NIE's Chennai campus (8 months). Deputations would therefore require that candidates are enabled to participate in the contact sessions and also be able to identify and undertake field-based projects of local importance in the periods between the contact sessions. During the contact period, NIE bears the cost of accommodation and food as well as travel expenses. Hence, the States have to pay and protect the salary of the sponsored candidates during the course of the training period.

About 250 graduates have so far graduated through this programme. A list is attached herewith. There are about 20 seats for each batch. NIE has noticed that over time, that there is a decline in State nominations. Also, only a few medical officers have been trained from the States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Acknowledging that Human Resource constraints at district and sub-district levels could be a constraint in deputation of candidates, I would urge that promising candidates from medical colleges as well as State and district health system, be identified through an active selection process and encouraged to apply. This is a long-term investment in building public health capacity in the State, and I encourage you to use this opportunity.

For further details, please contact Dr. Tarun Bhatnagar, Scientist E & MPH, e-mail: [indiafetp@gmail.com](mailto:indiafetp@gmail.com) Tel: 044-26136420

DDHS (Admin)

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

MJ

(Manoj Jhalani)

May please take to see

Mission Director (NHM) of all the States and UTs

27/3/19  
 DS (PHD)

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2. Dr. Rajani Ved, Executive Director-NHSRC



**(Manoj Jhalani)**  
Additional Secretary & Mission Director (NHM)