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भारत सरकार Government of India मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय Ministry of Human Resource Development स्कूल शिक्षा और साक्षरता विमाग Department of School Education & Literacy 124 'सी' विंग, शास्त्री भवन, नई दिल्ली-110 001 124 'C' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001

7th March, 2018

Dear Chief Secretary,

The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are proposing a joint initiative to improve the health of school children under AYUSHMAN BHARAT. Two teachers in every school will be declared as "Health and Wellness Ambassador" and these Health and Wellness Ambassador will transact weekly health promotion and disease prevention information in the form of interactive activities. A total of 20 hours sessions have been prepared on the topics of nutrition, sexual and reproductive health, mental health, injuries and violence, drug and substance misuse and non-communicable diseases in collaboration with NCERT and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The existing infrastructure of DIET and reporting mechanism of U-DISE will be appropriately utilized for capacity building of health and wellness ambassadors and reporting the progress of this initiative. The health system at all level will provide support in capacity building as resource besides providing referral support to school children.

In this regard, you may consider this initiative on priority in Aspirational Districts for improving health of school children and thereby improving long term education outcomes.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

To,

Chief Secretaries of all States except Goa, Kerala, West Bengal, Orissa and all UTs.