

Subject:- Regarding Pentavalent Vaccine introduction in the State.

Vaccination is one of the main strategies for averting both morbidity and mortality. As per the District Level Health Survey – III (DLHS-III), full immunization coverage of the State is 59.06%. By introducing Pentavalent in Haryana, State is reinforcing the commitment to decrease the morbidity and mortality caused by Vaccine Preventable Diseases. The Pentavalent contains vaccine to prevent against 5 diseases which are Diphtheria, Pertusus, Tetanus, Hepatitis B and Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib).

The introduction of Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib) vaccine in Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) in Haryana would prevent the morbidity and mortality associated with Hib Pneumonia disease and will reduce the Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in Haryana. At present, this vaccine is available in private sector only and total three doses are given at the age of 1½, 2½ and 3½ months.

Haryana will be the first state in North India and overall 3rd state after Kerala and Tamil Nadu to introduce Pentavalent vaccine in Routine Immunization. The Pentavalent launch will be done by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 21.12.2012 at 10.30 am at Haryana Niwas, Chandigarh. In this regard, a State media collaboration workshop has been planned on 19.12.2012 at 10.30 am at Hotel Mountview, Sector – 10, Chandigarh for its wide publicity and sensitization of general public.

Considering, WCD department as a key partner and a major stake holder responsible for reduction of under 5 mortality, you along with your team are cordially invited to be part of this mega event on dated 19.12.2012 and 21.12.2012.

Yours sincerely,

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