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The reduction of child mortality, the improvement of child health and the development of a new generation of healthy and well-nourished young adults has been a continuing priority over the years. We are also committed to the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child, 1959 which mandates that every child should be given every opportunity to grow and develop physically, mentally and socially. If we are to achieve this objective, an essential requirement is early detection and management of common health conditions in children. As per available estimates, 6% of children are born with birth defects and 10% of children are affected with developmental delays leading to disabilities. 4% of under-five mortality is attributed solely to birth defects.

To improve survival, growth and development of children, a new initiative the *Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK)* has been launched. The RBSK will focus on screening of infants, children and young adults over the period from birth to 18 years for **Defects at birth**, **Diseases**, **Deficiencies**, **Developmental delays** and **Disabilities**. Children diagnosed with illness shall receive follow-up care including early intervention services at the district level and including surgeries at tertiary level, free of cost under the National Health Mission. The screening exercise, which is expected to cover 27 crore children, will involve allopathic and AYUSH doctors, nurses, ANMs, ASHAs, AWWs, and other health workers available in the states who will visit Government schools, aided schools and Anganwadi centres.

Detailed operational guidelines on RBSK are enclosed for your reference. This challenging and very important initiative cannot be successfully implemented without effective co-ordination between the functionaries of the Departments of Health, Women and Child Development, School Education, Disability Affairs, Medical Education, Drinking Water and Sanitation, Tribal Affairs, Panchayati Raj, Rural Development and Urban Development. I would be grateful if you could take regular meetings of the Secretaries concerned and

their Heads of Department, to ensure a coordinated plan of action to ensure child survival and child health. I would also be grateful if necessary instructions could be given to Divisional Commissioners, District Collectors/ Deputy Commissioners/District Magistrates and Chief Development Officers to provide leadership to this programme and undertake regular reviews.

I look forward to your suggestions and your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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