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D.O. No. L-21021/30/2023-CIHD [Reminder-I]

Dated the: 26th May, 2023

Dear Colleague,

Subject: Report on unauthorized administration of Yellow Fever Vaccine by certain centres- reg.

Greetings from CIHD Division under Directorate General of Health Services.

In continuation of the letter by Secretary (Health), MoHFW (D.O. No. L-21021/30/2023-CIHD, dated 20th April 2023), addressed to all the Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary (Health) of all the States/UTs regarding the report on unauthorized administration of Yellow Fever Vaccine by certain centres, and requesting the States/UTs to initiate necessary corrective measure for ensuring strict compliance to the national policies and guidelines.

It is reiterated that we have increased our enforcement at Points of Entry to ensure that travelers with fraudulent certificates do not enter the country through our borders and are quarantined as mandated under the International Health Regulations (IHR) 2005. Further, fake Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificates reported by Point of Entry Health Units have already been forwarded to few State Health Authorities to probe into the non-authorized vaccination centres. Many such invalid vaccination from states was noted during the "Operation Kaveri" for Sudan evacuation mission also.

It may be noted that the Central International Health Division (CIHD), under the Directorate General of Health Services (Dte. GHS), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) is the Nodal Division regulating the administration of the Yellow Fever Vaccination and issuance of "VALID YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION CERTIFICATE" for the passengers traveling to and from 42 YF endemic countries through its authorized vaccination centres (Central and State Health Institutions). List of Dte. GHS authorized Yellow Fever Vaccination Centres as on date are available at the CIHD website (https://ihpoe.mohfw.gov.in/).

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Thus it becomes imperative that the State/UT government probe into the reports of such non-authorized vaccination centres at your states/UTs and initiate necessary corrective measures to ensure strict compliance with the national policies and guidelines. Action initiated on such centres may also be reported to the Central International Health Division (Email: ddg.cihd-mohfw@gov.in, adg.cihd-mohfw@gov.in, cihd.dghs-mohfw@gov.in).

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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To

 The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/ Secretary (Health), All States/UTs

Copy for information to:-

- The Director of Health Services, All States/UTs (for necessary actions)
- All APHOs/PHOs/LPHOs