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**Workshop involving Webinar Participants on “Integrated Disease Surveillance at Panchayat level”**

A Workshop involving webinar participants on Integrated Disease Surveillance at Panchayat level was held under the chairmanship of Thiru C. Ponnaiyan, Hon'ble Vice Chairman, State Development Policy Council (SDPC) Tamil Nadu on 22.07.2020 at 11.00 am with stakeholder departments and domain experts at the HDV Conference Hall, Ezhilagam, Chennai 600 005.

The objective of the workshop was to discuss the interventions required from the stakeholders in Integrated Disease Surveillance (IDSP) is a programme for the prevention and control of epidemic prone diseases through which the occurrence of communicable diseases is monitored on 24 ×7 basis. Occurrence of infectious diseases is notified to the local bodies concerned, PHCs for organising control measures. Cases from neighbouring States are also notified through IDSP. State level, District level and block level Rapid Response teams are formed to organise control measures on war footing.

Thiru.Anil Meshram I.A.S., Member-Secretary , Dr.K.S.Palanisamy, I.A.S., Director of Rural Development ,Dr. P.Sampath, State Surveillance Officer/Joint Director(Epidemics), Directorate of Public Health & Preventive Medicine ( DPH&PM) , Dr.Arul Anand, Medical Officer, Universal Health Care& Urban Health, DPH&PM, Dr.Lakshmi Devi, Nodal Officer, IDSP, Greater Chennai Corporation, Tmt.Uma Maheswari, Joint Director, Town Panchayats and officials from concerned Departments participated in the meeting.

Dr.P.Sampath, State Surveillance Officer/Joint Director(Epidemics) , Directorate of Public Health & Preventive Medicine ( DPH&PM) presented the existing structure of IDSP, Classification of Surveillance in IDSP, Reporting

Units for disease surveillance and role of Panchayat Raj in IDSP. The Hon'ble Vice-Chairman, SDPC suggested to propagate the significance of reporting by the public to higher levels and about the prevalence of epidemic diseases in their area through Print media, Electronic Media and also Social Media and to extend the IEC activities at micro level by covering all the streets and lanes in rural and urban areas. The Member Secretary, SDPC suggested Rural Development Department to work on joint training programme / Sensitisation Programme on Disease Surveillance with Health and Family Welfare Department and Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women for all Self Help Groups in Tamil Nadu.

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