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National Programme for Control of Blindness
Directorate General of Health Services
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(Govt.of India)

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 18.02.2015

To

All State Programme Officers (NPCB)
(As per list enclosed)

**Subject: Observance of '7th World Glaucoma Week from March, 08-14, 2015
Under National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB).**

Sir/Madam,

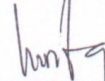
As you are aware that the "World Glaucoma Day Week" is observed globally every year to create awareness amongst the public about the prevention and control of Glaucoma and emphasize the need for more initiatives with regard to Glaucoma. However, this year globally "World Glaucoma Week" is being observed from **March, 08-14, 2015**.

In order to celebrate "World Glaucoma Day/Week" in a befitting manner and observe "Glaucoma detection and Control/prevention Week' from March, 08-14, 2015 across the country. It is therefore, requested that the following activities may also be organized which directly or indirectly help to create awareness about the disease, so that it can be diagnosed at an early stage and treated in time:

- To organize a screening event in your local institute/hospital to detect Glaucoma cases and refer them to hospital/medical colleges etc. for further management and treatment at district level/Community health centre.
- To provide to identify glaucoma patients, best possible treatment available in the district/ region.
- To mobilize the NGOs working in Eye Care field for the above said purpose.
- To set up mechanisms for referral, co-ordination and feedback between Govt. organizations and NGOs dedicated to treatment
- To place display boards/banners at the district hospital/Community Health Centre entry level making people aware about glaucoma and how to detect/treat it.
- To organize Rallies, Walkathon, Races & IEC activities.
- To give a lecture to a patient support group.
- To participate in radio & TV shows to talk about glaucoma and to answer questions.
- To make Contact newspapers' publishers for publishing information about glaucoma in the local papers.

State Programme Officer (NPCB) may also incur expenditure for organizing above activities as per approved PIP. The feedback in the form of brief report, activities done may also be sent positively to this office by 30th April, 2015.

Yours faithfully,



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