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Dear

Sub:- Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis- Mass Drug Administration on November 11th to December 8th at Palakkad district - Govt. offices- participation of all staff- regarding.

Ref: Note from Director of Health Services

India is committed to eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis by 2020 (ELF) as per Sustainable Development Goal No.3 (SDG). Inorder to achieve this objective, Mass Drug Administration (MDA) is being conducted in our State from 2004 onwards. As per the WHO recommendations, ELF can be achieved only if the consumption rate of drugs (DEC & Albendazole) exceeds 85% in the target population. Kerala has achieved this target in all districts except one.

In Kerala, out of total 14 districts, 11 were considered endemic for Lymphatic filariasis (except Pathanamthitta, Idukki and Wayanad). Thanks to public health measures taken in the State. Transmission of Lymphatic Filariasis has been reduced in all districts except Palakkad. Since the transmission of Lymphatic Filariasis was found very high in Palakkad district, we are now conducting MDA only in Palakkad district.

MDA-2016 will be conducted in two phases in Palakkad district. First phase will be conducted from **November 11th to 24th 2016** in all high risk areas and second phase from **November 25th to December 8th 2016** in remaining areas. The health volunteers will be visiting the offices under your administrative control on November 14th and 15th in first phase and November 28th & 29th in the second phase for distribution of antifilarial drugs (3 DEC tabs and one Albendazole/ person) to the staff. As a mass programe the tablets are to be consumed after food at the time of distribution itself. Children below 2 years, pregnant ladies and those with serious diseases like Cancer, Kidney diseases etc. are exempted from consuming the drugs. For the success of the program your whole hearted support and co-operation is absolutely essential.

Considering the importance of this National Program, I request you to bestow your personal attention for giving direction to all the offices in Palakkad district under your control to participate in this programme.

urs sincerety Rajeev Sadanandan

To AU HODS

മേലെഴുത്ത് നമ്പർ ജി 4/39455/16/കോ.വി.വ, തീയതി 14.11.2016

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