## State Urban Development Agency, Health Wing, West Bengal

Sub.: Piloting community Eye care Project in collaboration with Susrut Eye Foundation and Research Centre.

Placed herewith communication of the Director, Susrut Eye Foundation and Research Centre, HP-36/A/1, Sector – III, Salt Lake vide no. SEFRC/LN/312 dt. 22.08.2012 which speaks for itself.

It may be seen that the said organization are working on community eye care projects in collaboration with Government Department i.e. Dept. of Health & FW and NGOs i.e., Rotary International, Sight Savers International, Help Age India, NAP India and others.

The said organization has expressed interest to extend community service for the urban population in the field of screening & awareness camp for Glaucoma, Diabetic Retinopathy; awareness camp for eye donation; screening camp for Cataract and Refractive Errors.

Director, SUDA along with undersigned and Shri Bibhash Chakraborty, Technical Advisor, SUDA visited Susrut Eye Foundation on 18.10.2012 to get an idea about their set up and available services. The organization have shown keen interest to pilot community eye care projects with two Municipalities initially. For the purpose, it is suggested that South Dum Dum and Rishra Municipality may be taken up as pilot ULB. Rationale for suggesting the two said municipalities are as under:

- No. of KMA ULBs is highest at North 24 Parganas and 2<sup>nd</sup> highest at Hooghly District.
- Only Municipalities of North 24 Parganas and Hooghly District have taken into consideration.
- No. of slum population at South Dum Dum Municipality is 2<sup>nd</sup> highest (Slum population 95,000) amongst the other ULBs of North 24 Parganas District (Bhatpara slum population 1,57,635) as par USHA Survey conducted in the year 2010. South Dum Dum Municipality is suggested because of nearer location from Susrut Eye Foundation. The distance may matter in piloting the Programme.
- No. of slum population at Rishra Municipality is 3<sup>rd</sup> highest (Slum population 33,791) amongst other ULBs of Hooghly District (Champdany & Bhadreswar slum population 75,119 & 47,813 respectively) as par USHA Survey conducted in the year 2010. Amongst the 1<sup>st</sup> three municipalities according to slum population Rishra Municipality is suggested depending on less distance.

If the suggested two Municipalities i.e. South Dum Dum and Rishra are approved for piloting the community eye care projects in collaboration with Susrut Eye Foundation, communication will be made from Director, SUDA to hold a meeting at SUDA with the Chairperson of both the ULBs and representative of Susrut Eye Foundation for taking up further necessary actions. This is to mention here that as such there will not be fund involvement from SUDA.

Submitted.

Note from prepage and above may kindly be perused.

Susrut Eye Foundation & Research Centre vide its letter under Flag 'X' has expressed interest to extend community services for the urban population in the field of screening and awareness camp for Glaucoma, Diabetic Retinopathy; awareness camp for eye donation; screening camp for Cataract and Refractive Errors. The undersigned along with the Project Officer (Health), SUDA, visited the Centre and found the facilities and infrastructure available there are O.K. As further discussed with the Director, Susrut, it is suggested to conduct community Eye Care Project on pilot basis, initially, in two municipalities i.e. in South Dum Dum and Rishra Municipalities, if approved. It may be mentioned that Susrut Eye Foundation & Research Centre will provide the above services free of cost and there will be no fund involvement from SUDA.

Submitted for kind approval.

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