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Healthcare mission in 50 'sick' blocks of Maoist-hit Dumri

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DHANBAD: Jharkhand government kicked off a healthcare mission to execute institutional delivery and ante-natal check up in 50 identified 'sick' blocks of the state from Maoist affected Dumri block in Giridih district.

Chief secretary Rajbala Verma had conducted a survey to evaluate implementation of the national health mission (NHM). She found poor execution of the NHM in 50 blocks had been a major hurdle in achieving 100% target in immunization, institutional delivery and antenatal checkup in the state.

The government has decided to streamline the healthcare centres in a bid to achieve the target.

On chief secretary's directive, NHM director Kripanand Jha along with senior officials of state health department, visited Maoists affected Dumri block and directed to streamline the healthcare centres.

Annoyed over hygienic condition at the health centre, the mission director instructed the medical officers in-charge to give more focus on cleanliness so that perception of government hospitals could be changed.

He directed for cleaning the wards of Dumri referral hospital every hour routinely. "Only poor people come to government hospital so provide them best

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KRIPANAND JHA, NHM director

services from the available sources," Jha said. This was for the first time when an NHM director visited this hospital in Maoists affected area.

Later, the mission director held a meeting at Giridih with civil surgeons of three districts Dhanbad, Giridih and Bokaro and gave them new guidelines for achieving the target.

While reviewing the execution of NHM programmes, Jha expressed his dissatisfaction, especially over the performance of Nirsa and Topchachi blocks in Dhanbad, Bermo block in Bokaro and Tisri block of Giridih.

"Health officials were asked to work on the project so that 100% target in immunization, institutional delivery and ANC programme could be achieved," he told Hindustan Times.

Jha admitted some blocks were facing lack of infrastructure. "It would be improved soon," he said.

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