

# BIHAR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (BHRC)

9, Bailey Road, Patna

**File No. BHRC/Comp 4737/2016**

**(Suo Motu Cognizance)**

BHRC had taken **Suo Motu** cognizance of media report quoting deliberations on World Hepatitis Day (28.07.2016) at Patna that around 5 % of Bihar's population is infected with Hepatitis-B & C and only 40 % of the population is vaccinated and around 08 to 10 thousand die annually due to Hep-B. Lack of adequate awareness to get vaccinated and comparatively delayed diagnosis are attributed to be the reasons for resultant fatality.

2. Commission had issued notice to the Principal Secretary, Health Deptt. to file a report. The report submitted by the **State Immunization Officer-cum- Additional Director, Health Services** indicates that children in the age group of 0-12 months are vaccinated against Hep-B. The Vaccination coverage is indicated below:-

Year	Hep-B- 1 <sup>st</sup> dose Coverage %	Hep-B- Birth dose Coverage %	Pentavalent vaccine coverage %
2012-13	73	46	
2013-14	87	64	
2014-15	69	43	
2015-16	(Not needed)	90	88
2016-17(till July,2016)	(Not needed)	45	82

(Pentavalent vaccine includes Hep-B and the scheme started in Jan,2015)

3. **The figures quoted above indicate that the drive for vaccination has been launched effectively in the State. BHRC appreciates it.**

4. The report does not cover the following:-

(a) The state is providing free vaccination for Hep-B. Any scheme for subsidy /free treatment/ medication for the affected patients??

(b) Any plan to intensify awareness programmes.

5. **Commission will be expecting a report from the Health Deptt. Govt. of Bihar by 15<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2016.**

6. Copy of the order be sent to **Sh. Shanker Prasad, OSD, Health Deptt. Govt. of Bihar,** for **necessary action** [(Rf: letter no.18/ विविध-14/14/1665(18) (18) dt. 26.08.2016)].

7. List on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov, 2016 .

Date: 30.9.2016

**Asstt. Registrar**

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**Member**