

**(ii) Functions, Duties and Powers:**

It is the nodal department for the implementation of the National Health Policy 2002 and various National Health Programmes like NRHM, RCH, RNTCP, AIDS Control, IDSP, National Blindness Control Programme, National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme, NLEP, ICMR Cancer control Project, National Mental Health Programme and Health Care Component of the ESIC.

**ii (a) Procurement of Equipments and Drugs**

The procurement of medical equipments and drugs has been brought out of the jurisdiction of Controller Stores, H.P. and the Health Department has been making procurements of the medical equipments through open tenders on competitive rates. A Permanent Departmental Purchase Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary (Health) for the procurement of medical equipments. Specialists of the particular field are also invited to the meetings of P.D.P.C. Besides this, the procurement of medical equipments is also made through GOI / DGS&D approved sources and H.P.S.E.D.C. which also involves the Specialists from the department in the procurement process.

As per the Drug Procurement Policy of the State the budget for the drugs is divided into two parts. 70% of the budget is utilized for the procurement of drugs through H.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. which finalizes the Rate Contract involving the Health Department through the State Level Drug Purchase Committee. The remaining 30% of the budget is placed at the disposal of CMOs for the procurement of Life Saving Drugs and Emergency requirements after following the prescribed procedure. They also have the option to place orders with the sources approved in the H.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. Rate Contract. The medicines under the NRHM funds have also been procured through the H.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd..

The orders for supply of medicines to E.S.I. Dispensaries out of the funds made available through the revolving fund are placed to the sources approved in the E.S.I.C. Rate Contract.

During 2006-07, the State Govt. has supplied medicines worth Rs. 11,36,20,000/- to the health institutions working under the control of Director Health Services. Besides this, medical kits worth Rs. 1,17,26,000/- have been made available to the Health Sub-Centres.

Medicines worth Rs. 47,55,719/- have been made available to the ESI Institutions.

ii (b) NRHM

Himachal Pradesh has been included among 18 State of the country for the implementation of National Rural Health Mission. NRHM is a landmark for providing accessible and affordable health care to all citizens living in rural areas particularly to the poorer and weaker sections. It lays stress on reducing maternal and infant mortality, universal access to public health services, prevention and control of communicable and non-communicable disease, ensuring population stabilization, maintaining gender balance, revitalization of local health traditions and promotion of healthy life styles. Under the overall umbrella of NRHM a number of programmes especially the Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH-II), Immunization Programme, Janani Surksha Yojna (JSY) and Disease Control Programme have been included. The mission focuses on decentralized implementation of the activities and funneling of funds, it sets the stage for Distt. Management of Health and active community participation in the implementation of health programmes. The Himachal Pradesh Govt. has already constituted the State and Distt. Health Mission and grass-root activities have been started with zeal and zest. All the CHCs would be converted into First Referral Units under the programme in a phased manner. Similarly, 50% of the PHCs in the State would be providing 24 hours services by the end of the programme. The programme also focuses on convergence with IPH, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Ayurveda and Social Justice and Empowerment Departments.

In the year 2005-06, a sum of Rs.53.36 crores was received from Govt. of

India under NRHM and Rs.34.54 crores have been spent out of it. In 2006-07, Rs.76.61 crores has been released by Govt. of India till 31.12.2006 out of which Rs.39.95 crores have been spent as on 31.12.2006.

ii (c) The Directorate of Health mainly performs the following functions viz

**1. Development and Welfare Functions:**

1. Primary and Secondary Health Care infrastructure and facilities.
2. Availability of Medicines.
3. Universal Immunization Programme.
4. Reproductive and Child Health.
5. IEC.
6. Implementation of National Health Policy and various National Health Programmes, Blood Banks etc.
7. Pre-service Training of MPW's and Staff Nurses
8. In service training of staff.

**2. Regulatory Function:**

1. Disease Surveillance.
2. PFA.
3. Drug Control.
4. PC & PNDT Act.
5. Indian Epidemic Control Act.
6. Prevention of Food Adulteration Act.
7. Sanitation.

**3. Conduct/Control of Staff Functions:**

1. Recruitments.
2. Postings.
3. Transfer.
4. Conduct & Control.
5. Leave.
6. Salary.
7. Retirement.
8. Pension etc. of the staff.