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A copy of the reference cited is communicated herewith to the Officers mentioned in address entry for information and necessary action.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Prl. Secy to Govt.,
HM& FW Dept
The Pr. Secy to Govt.,
Finance (FP) Dept.,
The Commissioner of Labour,
A.P., Hyderabad (we)
The Chief Executive Officer,
Rajiv Aarogyasri Health Care Trust
A.P., Hyderabad.
The Secretary,
A.P.B & O CWW Board,
A.P., Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER
Minutes of the Meeting convened by Chief Secretary on implementation of RSBY (Rastriya Swasthya Bima Yojana) for Building and Other Construction Workers on 15-3-2013 at 10.30 am.

The following Officers were present:

1. Sri J.C. Sharma, IAS, Prl. Secy, LET&F Dept
2. Dr. Sambasiva Rao, IAS., Prl. Secy, Fin (FP)
3. Sri B. Ramanjaneyulu, IAS, Commisioner of Labour
4. Sri N. Srikanth, IAS., CEO, Aarogyasri Health Care Trust
5. Sri Ravibushan Rao, Secy. APB&OCWW Board

At the outset the Principal Secretary, LET&F has explained the salient features of RSBY (Rastriya Swasthya Bima Yojana) and the present proposal to implement the scheme to all the Building and Construction Workers about 16 lakhs in the State.

2. The C.S. has discussed the issue in detail. Various options like integrating the RSBY Scheme and Aarogyasri Scheme, implementation of the RSBY Scheme to all the BPL families in the State and possibility of exclusive coverage of certain procedures under RSBY and Aarogyasri were discussed. The earlier views expressed by the Health and Finance Department were also discussed in detail.

3. During discussions it has come out that there were many practical difficulties in integrating the two schemes i.e. RSBY and Aarogyasri as the procedures covered, the amount of assistance, the coverage of families and system of monitoring the claims were different under the two Schemes. Therefore, the only possibility appeared to be to implement the scheme by having exclusive procedures under RSBY and Aarogyasri and initially limiting the coverage only to construction workers as it would have no burden on the State finances.

4. After detailed discussions, the following decisions were taken:

(i) Prl. Secy. LET&F may constitute a small Sub-committee with CEO, AHCT and other concerned Officers to examine

(a) The details of procedures and surgeries which can be exclusively covered under RSBY and which are not available under the existing Aarogyasri Scheme, and
(b) Whether some of the procedures and surgeries available under Aarogyasri Scheme can be shifted to RSBY.

(ii) After examination of the above issues, the Scheme may be taken up for implementation initially for Building and Other Construction Workers only. The results of implementation for this category may be used for taking a decision for extending the scheme to other categories.

(iii) Secretary, APB&OCWW Board may be given the responsibility of convincing the beneficiaries about the nature of benefits under RSBY & Aarogyasri and to monitor the scheme so that there is no confusion among the beneficiaries.

(iv) In order to have similarity with Aarogyasri where beneficiary does not have to pay for any card, while implementing RSBY for construction workers the cost of smart card of Rs.30/- to be borne by the beneficiary may also be borne by the Construction Board.

(v) As Aarogyasri Health Care Trust (AHCT) has vast experience of dealing with similar scheme (Aarogyasri), the Nodal Agency for implementing the Scheme for Construction Workers may also be the AHCT so that similar Schemes are implemented under one umbrella.

5. It was also decided that another meeting may be convened after report of the Sub-Committee is ready.

C.S.