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Dear Dy. Swaminothan,



सत्यमेव जयते

मनोज पंत, आईएफएस संयुक्त सचिव, भारत सरकार स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय (स्वास्थ्य अनुसंधान विभाग)

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Department of Health Research is working towards setting up Medical Technology Assessment Board (MTAB) for creating a system for evaluation of appropriateness and cost-effectiveness of available and new health technologies, interventions and other procedures for introduction into public health care system of India and also a general guidance for users in government and other health sectors. The proposed methodology includes extracting available evidence and other data/information available in public domain and their assessment by experts (effectiveness, cost effectiveness, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, etc). The Department of Health Research has started preparatory work for this purpose.

To identify priority areas for health technology assessment (HTA) and providing a platform for all potential stakeholders working in the field of HTA to contribute, Department of Health Research invites you to become a part of this major initiative of Government of India and provide your valuable inputs/suggestions on HTA to be carried out in the country. It is our intention to make collaboration with potential organizations which have ground experience and expertise in the field of HTA and associated procedures so that HTA may be conducted in a comprehensive manner.

We are planning to organize a brain storming workshop of 2 days duration in the month of June 2016 in which priority areas and future course of action may be worked out.

In view of above, you are requested to kindly send a brief status report (4-5 pages) on the expertise of your organization, available facilities/infrastructure, human resource in the field of HTA to this Department within 15 days so that we can initiate national level consultations.

Looking forward to an early response.

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