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The National Institute of Health and Family Welfare
(Administration-1 Section)

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Circular

Sub: NHFW-5-Clarification regarding Reporting of Sexual Abuse cases under POCSO 2012 – Reg.

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) has informed the Ministry that during the course of NFHS-5 Training of Trainers for Phase I States / UTs, one of the participant had brought out that as per the Chapter V of the POCSO Act, 2012 anyone who comes to know about any type of sexual abuse on children is legally bound to report to the police and non reporting is punishable offence and accordingly, IIPS has suggested that the questions on sexual abuse should be avoided for anyone less than 18 years of age.

The said request has been examined in the Ministry in terms of the POCSO Act, 2012 and the confidentiality issue of Survey data collection. Therefore, with the consent of the Chairman and Co-Chairman of Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for NFHS-5, the Ministry has accepted the proposal of IIPS that the sexual abuse questions of NFHS-5 should be avoided for anyone <18 years of age.

Accordingly, the above instructions are brought to the notice of all HoDs / Nodal Officers / Staff involved in NFHS-5 with the advice that the sexual abuse questions of NFHS-5 should be avoided for anyone <18 years of age.

This issues with approval of Competent Authority.



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Dy. Director (Admn.)

Copy to:

1. All the HODs / Nodal Officers all Projects – with a request to bring it to the notice of all staff members involved in NFHS-5
2. PA to Director /Dy. Director (Admn.) / Dean of Studies

3. Website of NHFW