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To,  
The Principal,  
Constituent and affiliated Colleges having NSS Unit of the University of Mumbai

Sub:- NSS Volunteers awareness creation to consume anti-filarial drugs as part of the Mass Drug Administration (MDA) program on 10th August at **Palghar and Thane (Bhiwandi)** – reg

Sir/ Madam,


Please find attached herewith a DO letter dated 26.6.2023 along with its enclosures which has been received from National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control, MoH&FW, New Delhi

It has been informed that Lymphatic Filariasis (LF), known as elephantiasis (Haatipaon), is a serious debilitating disease transmitted through the bite of Culex mosquitoes which breed in dirty/polluted water.

As a new Strategy, Mass Drug Administration (MDA) will be conducted in a mission mode twice a year on 10 February and 10 August along with National Deworming Day (NDD). The Phase 2 MDA Campaign is scheduled from 10 August 2023 in 82 districts of eight states: Assam, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, and Telangana (Annexure 1).

In this regard NSS Functionaries, NSS units NSS Volunteers in the respective districts shall be engaged for conducting awareness activities on Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) and MDA within their neighborhood, with a Particular emphasis on urban areas. NSS volunteers will take on the responsibility of motivating and mobilizing staff and students within their institution to consume anti-filarial drugs as part of the Mass Drug Administration (MDA) program. During the Special Camp / Adopted village camps in rural areas, students will actively participate in vector control measures and promote awareness about sanitation. The necessary technical assistance from Health Centers and specialized organisation may be taken to train the NSS volunteers.

All NSS Units Programme Officers / Volunteers of respective District are requested to involve in awareness generation on Mass Drug Administration (MDA) program on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 in the respective District/areas. Brief report may be sent to undersigned after completion of activity.

  
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CC to Regional Director, Regional Directorate, NSS, Pune  
Encl- Documents received from Regional Directorate, NSS