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New Delhi, dated the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2008.

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Chief Secretaries of all State Governments/UT Administrations.

**Subject: Implementation of the National Policy on Older Persons-follow up action, regarding.**

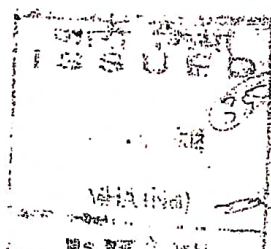
Sir,

I am directed to state that the annual meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) for implementation of the National Policy on Older Persons (NPOP), ~~chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE),~~ was held on 07.2.2008, during which the Committee reviewed the status of the implementation of Annual Plan of Action 2007-2008 and proposed some new action points for the next Annual Action Plan under NPOP.

2. This Ministry vide its letter of even number, dated 24.10.2005, had issued a detailed advisory to State Governments regarding action points under the NPOP for 2005-06 requiring action by the State Governments and UT Administrations. We have since received a feedback on the implementation of the action points from some of the States and UTs.

3. The Action Points of the next Annual Action Plan reiterates the need for immediate efforts by the State Governments towards elimination of all forms of neglect, abuse and violence against older persons, and creation of support services to address the abuses against older persons. They also include development of institutional and policy framework for protecting the interests of the elderly in case of disaster.

4. You will appreciate that the increasing trend of withdrawal of family support to older persons due to various social and economic reasons has made them the soft targets of criminals and fraudulent dealings, physical and emotional abuse (sometimes even by family members and relatives), deprivation of their ownership rights, deprivation of inheritance rights of widows etc. The State Governments have, no doubt, taken several initiatives for elimination of all forms of discrimination against older persons and checking violation of their rights. The Inter Ministerial Committee for implementation of the NPOP, however, observed that these achievements could not be reviewed for want of their reflection in measurable terms. It



was, therefore, felt necessary that a **matrix of monitorable parameters** may be prepared in respect of the Action Points for the safety and security of older persons.


5. In this context, please find at the Annexure measures, suggested targets and suggested agencies responsible for achieving the Action Plan objectives and the monitoring indicators for measuring the progress of achievement.

6. The State Governments are welcome to set more stringent targets if they so desire and also decide on the agency which will be responsible for implementing and monitoring the measures. Adequate budget provisions may please be made to ensure achievement of the objectives of the Action Plan.

7. It is requested that a **Status Report** for your State may kindly be prepared of the measures already taken and apprised to this Ministry. It is also requested that the achievements against targets set may kindly be apprised to this Ministry quarterly. The **Report for the first quarter of 2008-09 may kindly be sent by 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.**

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



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