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Dear Colleague,

As you are aware that Rabies is one of the oldest recognized Zoonotic diseases with extremely high fatality rate. This disease causes extremely painful deaths where the patient suffers painful spasm and dies of extreme thirst and hunger because of hydrophobia.

This fatal disease is completely preventable by timely and appropriate Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP). Many countries from Latin America, Europe etc have achieved Rabies elimination and there is global call for Rabies Elimination i.e. Zero Deaths due to Rabies by 2030.

As per WHO estimates, India is endemic for Rabies accounting for 36% of the world's deaths. However, the deaths due to rabies are grossly underreported in our country due to various reason. To address the issue of Rabies in India, National Rabies Control Program is being implemented in the country since 12th Five Year Plan. Under National Rabies Control Program, standard case definitions have been formulated for reporting any suspect, probable or confirmed case of Rabies in human and provision are made to report human deaths due to Rabies on Integrated Health Information Platform.

The prevention, control and elimination of Rabies from a geographical area can only be achieved through strong surveillance and diseases reporting system at all levels to guide appropriate public health measures and policy interventions. Hence mandatory notification of all Human Rabies cases is urgently required to strengthen the Rabies surveillance to know the disease incidence and accordingly prioritizing public health measures required to be undertaken both in human and veterinary sector.

In view of above, you are requested to make Human Rabies a Notifiable Disease under Clinical Establishment Registration and Regulation Act 2010 or respective State Public Health Act or Nursing Home Act, so that it is mandatory for all government and private health facilities (including medical colleges) to report all suspected, probable and confirmed Human Rabies cases as per enclosed guidelines formalized by National Rabies Control Program.

Harm Regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Rajesh Bhushan)

Encl.: as above

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