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Joint Secretary

D.O. No. Z-28015/332/2020-TB(Pt3)-Part(1)
Dated the 10th October, 2022

Ravindra ji,

As envisaged in National Strategic Plan (2017-25), the National TB Elimination program (NTEP) has planned to develop Centres of Excellence (CoEs) for innovating, executing, and establishing excellence in Drug Resistant TB (DR-TB) care. The CoEs will work on a Hub and Spoke model to build the capacities of linked Nodal and District DR-TB centres and thereby enabling provision of high-quality DR-TB care.

With reference to D.O. letter no. Z-28015/332/2020/TB-(Pt3)-Part-(1) dated 26th March 2021, CTD envisaged to upgrade National Institute of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases (NITRD), New Delhi as one of the CoEs, a team nominated by CTD visited the institute and provided key recommendations. **Detailed report** along with **Guidance Note for CoEs** is **annexed** herewith for your kind reference.

Based on the report of assessment and the consensus during the stakeholder consultation meeting, NITRD, New Delhi is designated as a **Centre of Excellence for DR-TB care** for 3 years from the date of issue of this letter.

With regards,

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