To,

Principal/Chief Health Secretaries
(As per list enclosed)

Subject: Constitution of the Committee constituted in compliance with Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgement in W.P.(C) No. 527/2011 - Protection and safeguarding the interest of Nurses working in Private hospitals/Clinical Establishments - forwarding of recommendations - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to Judgement dated 29.01.2016 in the matter of W.P.(C) No.527/2011 delivered by Hon'ble Supreme Court. The operative part of the judgement is as follows:

"We expect that the Central Government will look into the grievance ventilated in this petition, by forming a Committee within four months from today. We are sure that after examining the factual situation, if the Committee is of the view that the grievances ventilated in the petition are correct, the Committee will make its recommendations, so as to do the needful for improvement of working conditions and pay of the nurses working in private hospitals and nursing homes within six months from its constitution, which can ultimately be given a form of legislation by the respondent-States or by the Central Government itself. (Para 4)

We are sure that the recommendations of the Committee shall be duly considered by the Central Government and it shall do the needful. (Para 5)

We do not propose to give any guidelines, as prayed for in this petition, as the grievances are to be looked into by the Committee consisting of experts. (Para 6)"
2. Subsequently, this Ministry has constituted a Committee vide Order No.Z-29011/15/2013-N dated 24.02.2016 (Copy enclosed) to examine the issues. The Committee deliberated on the issues in its meeting held on 18.04.2016 and 30.06.2016. Recommendations of the Committee, approved by the Competent Authority is forwarded to all the States/UTs for formulating the legislation/guidelines to be adopted in respect of Nurses working in private hospitals/institutions.

3. Action taken in the matter may please be intimated to this Ministry by 20.10.2016.

Encls: As above.

Yours faithfully,

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Copy also forwarded to:-

1. All members of the Committee.
2. PS to HFM/PPS to Secretary (HFW)/PS to AS(Health)/PPS to DGHS/PPS to JS(AS)/PPS to JS(SK).