Ministry: Health and Quality of Life

Post: Director, Health Services

Salary: Rs105,000 (09 00 97)

Effective Date: 02 March 2016

Qualifications:

A. By selection from among medical practitioners who reckon at least 10 years’ service in a substantive capacity in the Ministry and who possess –

(i) For Curative Services
    a postgraduate qualification of at least one academic year of study in any clinical speciality

(ii) For Public Health
    a postgraduate qualification of at least one academic year of study in Public Health

(iii) For Primary Health Care/Non-Communicable Diseases
    a postgraduate qualification of at least one academic year of study in Primary Health Care or Public Health or Internal Medicine

(iv) For Planning and Development
    a degree in Management or Public Administration

(v) For Research and Training
    a postgraduate qualification of at least one academic year of study in any clinical speciality

from a recognised institution

OR

an equivalent qualification acceptable to the Public Service Commission.

B. Candidates should –

(i) reckon at least five years’ cumulative experience in managing a Specialised Unit/Department, a medical unit, a hospital or a health region;

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(ii) possess strong administrative and managerial abilities; and
(iii) possess strong leadership and communication skills.

Candidates should produce written evidence of experience claimed.

**Role and Responsibilities:**
To assist in the formulation and implementation of health policies in line with Government programmes.

**Duties:**
1. To be responsible to the head of the Ministry through the Director-General, Health Services for the performance of the following duties –

**General**

(i) To ensure the execution of all Government health policies related to the implementation of curative, preventive, promotion and rehabilitative services, in close collaboration with Regional Health Directors/Consultants-in-Charge and heads of other related services and sectors.

(ii) To formulate, plan, manage, implement and evaluate health policies and programmes.

(iii) To frame appropriate health legislation in line with Government policies.

(iv) To co-ordinate health programmes in liaison with the Regional Health Directors and other heads of health institutions for the purpose of regular information exchange, manpower development, monitoring and evaluation of health services.

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(v) To make arrangements for the provision of the necessary staffing – professional, technical and supporting and their appropriate training for the smooth running of the health institutions under his responsibility.

(vi) To promote an interdisciplinary approach to health management and sound managerial processes.

(vii) To administer and ensure enforcement of all legislation relating to health matters.

AND

I. For Curative Services

(i) To ensure that policy decisions relating to the services at hospitals and annexed institutions are implemented in accordance with approved policies.

(ii) To ensure the efficient management and functioning of the hospital services and annexed institutions in collaboration with the Regional Health Directors and other heads of health services.

(iii) To administer all legislation relating to hospitals, private clinics, pharmacies, the practice of medicine, the medical care and fitness of Government employees and injured workers.

(iv) To exercise proper control on the management and running of all health institutions for the treatment of patients.

(v) To ensure provision of effective care, quality assurance, medical auditing and best use of available resources.

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II. For Public Health

(i) To ensure that policy decisions relating to Public Health are implemented in accordance with approved policies.

(ii) To ensure the efficient management and functioning of all health and sanitary institutions apart from hospitals and annexed institutions for the treatment of patients.

(iii) To exercise proper control on the management and running of the following—

- Environmental Health Services;
- Vector and Pest Control;
- Food safety;
- Implementation of International Health Regulations;
- Epidemiological surveillance of communicable diseases;
- Occupational Health Services;
- Vector Biology and Control Division;
- Government Analyst Division; and
- Immunisation Services.

(iv) To administer all legislation relating to Public Health and environmental sanitation.
III. For Primary Health Care/Non-Communicable Diseases

(i) To ensure that policy decisions regarding Primary Health Care/Non-Communicable Diseases, family health, Maternal and Child Health, Family Planning, nutrition and health education are properly implemented in accordance with approved policies.

(ii) To ensure the efficient management and functioning of Health Centres.

(iii) To co-ordinate the running of effective Primary Health Care services.

(iv) To ensure the upgrading of Health Centres in order to satisfy the needs for improved health care to the community.

(v) To oversee all research activities in the field of Primary Health Care and Non-Communicable Diseases.

IV. For Planning and Development

(i) To frame development plans and health programmes in accordance with approved policies.

(ii) To supervise and monitor the implementation of approved development health plans and projects and ensure their execution within planned periods.

(iii) To assess health needs of the population and prepare health strategies accordingly.

(iv) To deal with bilateral and multilateral co-operation in the field of health.

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V. **For Research and Training**

(i) To collect, analyse, disseminate and exchange relevant health information and statistics.

(ii) To oversee pre-registration medical training.

(iii) To evaluate health programmes and the implementation of health policies.

(iv) To plan, execute and evaluate training programmes of the health sector.

(v) To oversee undergraduate and postgraduate medical education.

(vi) To run and co-ordinate the different units/divisions of the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life dealing with health sector training, health systems research and development.

(vii) To co-ordinate all examinations related to training conducted by the Ministry.

(viii) To organise and manage effectively the Health Information, Education and Communication sector.

(ix) To be responsible for ethical matters and clinical trials.

(x) To establish appropriate framework for research and training.

2. To use ICT in the performance of his duties.

3. To perform such other duties directly related to the main duties listed above or related to the delivery of the output and results expected from the Director, Health Services in the roles ascribed to him.

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