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In India the total no. of annual live birth is estimated at 26 million. The infant mortality rate is 72 (2000 AD). Approximately 25% of IMR is neonatal death.

This death can be prevented by advanced medical knowledge and technology. Even with modest approach i.e. adequate training and demonstration and with the help of low cost appliances the NNR can be reduced by about 80%.

Dr. Alok Lahari, a teacher of Deptt. <sup>of</sup> Pediatrics and a trainer of the Neonatology Forum of India conducted a two days session for training and demonstration for the Doctors, Nurses and Sr. Nursing students at the Lady Duffrin Victoria Hospital; I attended the session under the instruction of Adviser (Health), IPP-VIII-(Extn.). *2 Other Trainers were Dr. A. Mondal and Dr. A. Mullick of National Neonatology Forum. Each days training was for 5 hours non-stop.*

I feel that this training ~~and~~ demonstration course will be very very useful for the Doctors and Nursing personnel of the maternity hospital of IPP-VIII-(Extn.). We may invite the selected Doctors and selected nursing personnel from different health facilities and expose them to a training demonstration session of 2 days duration in Kolkata. A mixed batch should <sup>of</sup> comprise about 30 personnel.

The 1<sup>st</sup> days training may be held at SUDA training hall equip<sup>ped</sup> with microphone, slide projector and OHP. The 2nd days course is to <sup>be</sup> arranged in a Kolkata hospital having a maternity ward where new born babies <sup>will be</sup> available. The latter venue will be arranged by Dr. Lahari and his team. Again, I am of the view that this training will go a long way in reducing neonatal mortality ~~and~~ these trained personnel, hereafter, can be utilised for training of the health workers of different categories in their respective settings.

The budgetary provision as obtained from Dr. Lahari is given below.

Participants' to and fro movement to Kolkata and accommodation etc. to be arranged by SUDA.

	Rs.
i) Cost of teaching materials (30 no.) - 110 x 30	3300.00
ii) Conveyance for faculty members @ 400 x 3 nos. x 2 days	2400.00
iii) Honorarium of faculty members @ 400 x 3 nos. x 2 days	2400.00
iv) Assistant <sup>s</sup> @ 100 x 2 nos. x 2 days	400.00
v) Rent for Slide projector, Generator etc. @ 500 x 1 day (for 2nd days trig.);	500.00
vi) Tiffin, Tea & Snacks (L.S) - 2 days	1000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>

The transportation arrangement for the participants (30 nos.) is to be done by SUDA from SUDA to training venue in a Kolkata Hospital for 2<sup>nd</sup> day only, which will be about 1500/00. So, total expenditure will be about 11,000 + 1500 = 12,500/00.

The PO, IPP-VIII-(Extn.) may like to see before submitting to Adviser (Health). If approved the training session will be arrange in the middle of April, 2002.

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Training course contents, budgetary provision of the trainers & other expenses may be looked into.

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To-day, I had a talk with Dr. A. Mondal, a member of the above-noted training team. As regards the budgetary provisions, he said that among others the teaching materials contain printed book-let to be used as reading material. They may give ~~use~~ us a copy of the same and if we could arrange for printing, this expenditure of Rs. 3,300/00 can be deleted from the budget furnished by them in pre-page. The reading material (book-let) has 60 to 70 pages (approx) for each participant.

In the same way, if 3 vehicles could be earmarked for transportation of teaching materials and faculty members for 2 days the cost of conveyance charges of Rs. 2,400/00 (vide budgetary provision over leaf) could be eliminated.

Thus the total cost of the said training comes <sup>down</sup> to (Rs. 11,000/00 - 3,300 - 2,400 = 5,300/00) Rs. 5,300/00, but few arrangements requiring considerable expenditures are <sup>to be</sup> borne at this end.

② The training course contains sessions on didactic lectures,  
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demonstration and practical training on ~~the~~ different aspects of the following topics:—

- (a) Hypothermia;
- (b) Airway obstruction;
- (c) Breathing difficulty
- (d) Circulatory failure
- (e) Neo-natal diseases and management procedures.
- (f) Management of low-birth weight babies.

The emphasis of training is

"low simple techniques and devices can save neo-nates from early deaths"

The Adviser (Health), SUDA and the P.O., JPP-III (Extn) may see for needful pl'

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