

'Health Committee and Commission Reports, 1946-2005'

Over the past decades, several **Committees and Commissions** have been appointed by the Government to examine issues and challenges facing the health sector. The purpose of these committees formed from time to time is to review the current situation regarding health status in the country and suggest further course of action in order to accord the best of healthcare to the people.

The earliest committees included, the **Health Survey and Development Committee (Bhore Committee)** and **Sokhey Committee**. Other main Committees in the Post Independence period, included **Mudaliar Committee, Chadha Committee, Mukherjee Committee, Jungalwalla Committee, Kartar Singh Committee; Mehta Committee, Bajaj Committee** amongst others. Some of the recent Committees include the **Mashelkar Committee** and the **National Commission on Macroeconomics and Health**. The Committees and Commissions have been headed by eminent public health experts, who have studied the issues in an in-depth manner and provided overarching recommendations for various aspects of the health care system in India. The areas covered by them related to organization, integration and development of health care services / delivery system across levels; health policy and planning; national programmers; public health; human resources; indigenous system of medicine; drugs and pharmaceuticals amongst others. An examination of these reports reveals the options, lessons and challenges for strengthening India's health system.

The reports of the various committees and commissions from early 1940s to 2005 have been digitized for easy access to researchers, policy makers, health planners, health workers, teachers, students amongst others. This compilation has been a collective initiative of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India and the WHO Country Office for India, New Delhi.

Although there has been an effort to incorporate all health related reports, there may be others which have not been included in this compilation.

This compilation seeks to provide easy access to the reports from the shelves of history, as they continue to have relevance for the present and future health systems of the country, with the hope that we may reflect on them and use them as a guiding tool while we chart the way forward.

These reports can be accessed from the following website: <http://nrhmmis.nic.in/Publications.aspx> of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.