

Minutes of the 24th Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of the State Health Society, Assam of National Health Mission (NHM) held at NHM Conference Hall on 18.02.2022 at 4 p.m

The 24th Executive Committee meeting of the State Health Society (SHS), NHM, Assam was held on 18.02.2022 at the NHM Conference Hall under the Chairmanship of Shri Anuarg Goel, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Assam.

Agenda points:-

1. Discussion on draft PIP proposal for the FY 2022-24 and Planning process adopted
2. Discussion on draft proposal under XV Finance Commission – Health Grant
3. Discussion on draft proposal under PM-ABHIM
4. Other decision points
5. Any other issues with the permission of the chairman.

The meeting started with the welcome address to all the members by Dr. Lakshmanan S, IAS, Mission Director, NHM Assam.

The list of the members, who attended the meeting is annexed at **Annexure-I. The detailed presentation made on NHM PIP for FY 2022-23 & 2023-24 at Annexure-II.**

Members had threadbare discussion on the agenda points and the following decisions were taken:

Agenda Point- 1: Discussion on draft PIP proposal for the FY 2022-24 and planning process adopted.

The primary agenda of the meeting was to apprise all the members of the Executive Committee about the State Program Implementation Plan (SPIP) for 2 years 2022-23 and 2023-24 and to seek approval for the same so as to submit the SPIP before the Governing Body (GB) for their kind approval and finally submitting the SPIP to Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

The meeting noted the financial progress made under NHM, Assam during current FY.

MD, NHM gave an insight into the gist of the SPIP for 2 years 2022-23 and 2023-24, through a detailed presentation and also spoke about the special points of this year SPIP preparation, Conditionality Framework of FY 2022-24, Key Deliverables, planning process adopted during preparation of PIP under which state is submitting SPIP for 2 years (2022-23, 2023-24).

MD, NHM informed that from the coming financial year, there will not be any carrying forward of uncommitted and unspent expenditure and no supplementary PIP can be submitted, unless Ministry asks for the same. After a threadbare discussion of different proposals, a few suggestions/observations were put forwarded by the Chairman and other members. These are to be incorporated in the SPIP and the revised SPIP will be submitted before the Governing Body on 21.02.2022 for its approval for onward submission of the SPIP 2021-22 to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India at the earliest.

The Executive Committee approved all the proposals of the SPIP with a suggestion for few minor modifications in the PIP. The Resolutions of the meeting as agreed upon are stated below:

Sl. No	Discussion Points	Resolution adopted in the meeting on SPIP, 2022-24
1.	Strengthening referral mechanism from the remote villages	It is resolved that even from remote villages too, referral will have to be strengthened. For this, the listing of available vehicles can be done and if 108 fails to reach on time or during emergency, the patient or needy can be shifted to the hospital using locally hired vehicle and the cost can be reimbursed (as approved by the Block PHC based on the village distance) either from JSSK grant or from referral grant available at BPHC. The best way is to enlist such vehicle and to get in to an agreement with them to refer patient when called for and agreed rate can be reimbursed to the vehicle owner on time.
2.	Orientation of the legislative forum on HIV-AIDS, Tuberculosis and Tobacco Control program	The Chairman, EC, advised that the OSD, NHM will coordinate with the head of the program division of HIV-AIDS, Tuberculosis and Tobacco Control program so that in one session of the legislative forum, Hon'ble members of the Assam Assembly can be oriented on all these three programs during the coming up budget session starting early March 2022.
3.	State Program Officer for National Program for Climate Change and Human Health (NPCCHH)	The Chairman, EC, agreed to appoint one state program officer for guiding the program namely National Program for Climate Change and Human Health (NPCCHH), as the roll out is getting hit in state because of not having full time state program officer of the said program.
4.	Incorporation of points in HRPW drop down menu	As proposed by Dr K Zaman, Consultant-MH, NHM, the Chairman, EC agreed that a letter will be sent to MoHFW, Gol through the MD-NHM, Assam requesting MoHFW to add few relevant points in the drop-down menu of identifying causes of HRPW for better cause identification.
5.	Additional food supplement for NRC discharge babies	<p>The Chairman, EC, agreed that additional food supplement has to be given for all NRC discharge babies for 15 days and this activity has to be budgeted in the SPIP so that NRC discharge babies get required food once they return to their homes with family members.</p> <p>Further, it is agreed that MD-NHM will work out modalities of making payment to guardians of the child admitted at NRC for their wage loss. The calculation of payment may be done as per the NREGA daily wage for the period of stay at NRC.</p>

6.	Taking possession of land before proposing any new construction of health facility building in PIP	The Chairman, EC, advised that NHM Assam must collect the land possession certificate of the proposed land before any new construction proposal of health facility is put up in SPIP. This is needed to ensure that there is no delay, nor any hassle faced in possession of the land once the proposal is approved.
7.	Food supplement for TB, Leprosy patients	As proposed by MD-NHM, it is agreed that the selected patients of TB, Leprosy may also be given additional food supplement when they are off from the work. The criteria of selecting beneficiaries will be finalized and Dr Dipankar Hazarika, Consultant-CH is entrusted with the responsibility of drafting the execution plan.
8.	Expediting NQAS roll out in state	As proposed by MD-NHM, it is agreed that added focus has to be given for accrediting facilities under NQAS, as MoHFW, Gol has been insisting too hard on getting facilities NQAS certified.
9.	Health ATM – piloting in Assam	The Chairman, EC suggested the house that Assam needs to pilot the Health ATM concept of Odisha in few areas so that success can be measured and if necessary, this can be scaled up.
10.	Non achievement of PW target as set by MoHFW, Gol	As proposed by State MIS Manager of NHM, Assam and the MD-NHM, it is agreed that a justification note will be placed during NPCC explaining why Assam cannot achieve the given PW target of MoHFW, Gol, as state has improved the TFR, which means there is drop in PW cases.
11.	Avoiding duplication of different funding sources	The Chairman, EC suggested that state has to finalize the list of facilities from each district, which will be funded either by NHM, PMABHIM, 15 th Finance Commission etc. so that proper tracking can be done to avoid duplication in funding from other sources. This exercise has to be finished at the earliest.
12.	Component wise review of each program by the concerned division	The Chairman, EC asked that each program division from state has to review their own district wise program roll out and to guide the program for better roll out.
13.	Reviewing performances of the District Program Managers	The Chairman, EC asked the SPM to closely review the performances of the District Program Managers and to update the MD-NHM as it is reported that few of the DPMs are not performing as per expectation.

14	Reviewing of HR matter	<p>The EC recommended total 833 no. of new HR positions for proposal in PIP under NHM & NUHM-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Key Programme Management HR positions for the new districts including Bajali and Tamulpur. ➤ Service Delivery positions for Dingiri UPHC under, Kamrup Metro as well as new SNCUs/LMC/NRC. ➤ Position of State Liaisoning Officer at State HQ ➤ 4 Urban Zone Community Mobilizer under NUHM ➤ Amalgamation of new positions of DCM, District Coordinator (RKSK/RBSK) and District Family Planning Coordinator with shared job responsibility. ➤ Amalgamation of the positions of District Consultant (QA) and Hospital Administrator ➤ Utilization of the services of RBSK Doctors in Health Institutions without Doctors as an interim arrangement within the same District (of posting) or home district of the concerned Doctor, till posting of fulltime doctors in the health institution. ➤ Dropping of the positions of 27 District Coordinator (CEA)
15.	Approval of the SPIP 2022-23 and 2023-24	<p>The EC recommended the draft SPIP 2022-23 amounting Rs.2668.01 cr. & for 2023-24 amounting Rs.2698.39 cr. And recommended that the SPIP will be put up for approval of the GB for onward submission of the SPIP to MoHFW, Gol.</p>

Agenda Point- 2:- Discussion on draft proposal under XV Finance Commission – Health Grant

The EC meeting recommended the draft XV - Finance Commission (Health Grant) proposal amounting to Rs. 270.82 Crs for the FY 2022-23 and the Chairman, EC suggested to place before the Governing Body for approval for onward submission to the MoH&FW, Gol.

XV-FC (Health Grant) allocation, 2022-23	Rs. 279.50 Crs
Budget Proposal	Rs. 270.82 Crs
Available RE	Rs. 8.68 Crs

Agenda Point – 3: Discussion on draft proposal under PM-ABHIM

The EC meeting recommended the draft **Pradhan Mantri - Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)** proposal for the FY 2021-22 and 2022-23.

FY	Budget Allocated by GoI	Budget proposal
2021-22	Rs. 291.24 Crs	Rs. 291.24 Crs
2022-23	Rs. 414.17 Crs	Rs. 458.65 Crs

The EC meeting recommended one 100 bedded Critical Care under PM-ABHIM to take-up in advance at Kamrup district in the FY 2022-23 instead of FY 2025-26.

The Chairman, EC suggested the PM-ABHIM proposals to place before the Governing Body for approval for onward submission to the MoH&FW, GoI.

Agenda Point – 4:- Other decision points

4.1:- Reallocation of fund for release of Untied Grant - 2021-22.

Executive Committee recommended the reallocation proposal for release of Untied Grant to the health facilities (District Hospitals, SDCHs, CHC/Model Hospitals, PHCs/UPHC) amounting to Rs. 1108.22 lakh for the FY 2021-22 from saving of different FMR codes.

FMR Code	Activity	Budget approval	Utilization up to Dec.21	Tentative utilization up to Mar'22	Balance Fund to be available	Amt. to be re-appropriated for Untied Grant	%
9.5.27.1	Training on CPCH for CHOs	1525.28	-	600.00	925.28	285.00	19%
9.5.27.2	Multiskilling of MPW and ASHAs at HWCs (SHC and PHC)	654.00	-	500.00	154.00	125.00	19%
16.1	PM Cost	6092.22	1764.59	4000.00	2092.22	698.22	11%
	Total	8271.50	1764.59	5100.00	3171.50	1108.22	13%

4.2:- Proposal for enhancement of remuneration of Specialist Doctors/ PG Doctors under NHM

Executive Committee recommended revision of initial pay of Specialist Doctors to Rs. 75,000/- per month from existing Rs. 65,000/- per month w.e.f. 01.04.2022. Differential remuneration / location based incentive for hard to reach areas/health institutions for specialist cadre. The EC recommended that a committee be constituted for examination and submission of recommendations.

4.3:- Regularization of 6 Nos of works executed for launching of various Govt. programmes

Executive committee recommended the 6 nos. of works executed by NHM for launching of various Govt. programmes as verified and recommended by the committee constituted by the Govt.

The Chairman, EC suggested to MD-NHM can prepare such list of activities, which have been executed in a quality manner, but payments are not cleared yet, in such cases, payments can be made using the saving fund available under the scheme in this FY, so that no liability is carried forward in next financial year as from next year, no such fund will be available to make such backlog payment.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Amount (in Rs.)	Source of Fund
1	Arrangement and Decoration of International Auditorium at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakhetra for Ceremonial Distribution of Appointment Letters to the Newly Selected 513 no Staff Nurses on 14th August 2018	11,28,092.00	NHM
2	Arrangement and Decoration of International Auditorium at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakhetra for Ceremonial Launching of 75 no New Ambulances on 07.06.2018	10,86,254.00	NHM
3	Working Estimate for Construction of Pandal, Dining Hall, Gate etc. for "Launching of Wage Compensation for Teagarden pregnant woman" on 1st of October 2018 at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakhetra, Panjabari	36,30,999.00	State Budget
4	Construction of Pavilion, Gate, Stage Decoration, Flower Decoration, Temporary electrification with D.G set, Placing of Hording, Branding, Welcome Arch etc. for the Launching Programme of Atal Amrit Abhiyan Card by Hon"ble Vice President of India on 18th April 2018 at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakhetra, Panjabari, Guwahati-37	46,63,814.00	AAA
5	Construction of Pandal, Stage, Dining Hall, Gate etc. for the meeting "ASHA Convention" at Sarusajai Stadium Ground at Sarusajai, Guwahati	19,68,451.00	NHM
6	City Branding, placing of Hording and Publicity work in connection with launching of Ayushman Bharat on 23 rd Sept 2018 at Veterinary College Field at Khanapara	45,83,539.00	AAA

4.4:- Up gradation of Existing Blood Bank at Sibsagar Civil Hospital, Sivasagar

Executive Committee recommended setting up of Blood Component Separation Unit and strengthening of Existing Blood Bank of Sivsagar Civil Hospital with contribution from Rotary Foundation as well as CSR of corporate bodies.

4.5:- Proposal for implementation of e-Hospital software in additional health facilities under ECRP-II

Executive Committee recommended implement e-Hospital solution in additional 8 health facilities under ECRP-II (FMR Code- S.4.1), 2021-22 with an estimated cost of Rs. 160.00 lakh.

Sl	Name of the Hospital	Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lakh)
1	Jakhalabandha SDCH under Nagaon district	20.00
2	Dhirenpara FRU under Kamrup Metropolitan district	20.00
3	Pandu FRU under Kamrup Metropolitan district	20.00
4	Bezera FRU under Kamrup district	20.00
5	Gohpur SDCH under Biswanath district	20.00
6	Titabor SDCH under Jorhat district	20.00
7	CN Centre, GMCH	25.00
8	Raj Bhawan Dispensary, Guwahati	15.00
	Total	160.00


Out of total approved amount of Rs. 200 lakh for implementation of e-Hospital under ECRP-II (S.4.1) and estimated saving of Rs. 120 lakh under the head. The additional fund requirement is recommended from available RE under ECRP-II for take-up of the additional 8 health institutions.

4.6:- Proposal for Tele consultation services in 232 Health Facilities under ECRP-II

Executive Committee recommended Tele consultation services in additional 232 numbers of Health Facilities under ECRP-II (FMR Code- S.4.2), 2021-22. The additional fund requirement is recommended from available RE under ECRP-II for take-up of the additional 232 nos. of health institutions.

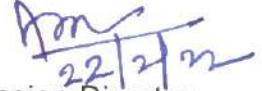
4.7:- The meeting recommended inclusion of MD, AMSCL as member of the Executive Committee.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.


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 &
 Chairperson, Executive Committee
 State Health Society, Assam

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1. All Members of Executive Committee, SHS, Assam
2. PS to Hon Chief Minister, Assam for kind appraisal of Hon Chief Minister & Chairman State Health Society.
3. PS to Hon Health Minister, Assam for kind appraisal of Hon Health Minister & Vice- Chairman State Health Society.


 Mission Director,
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