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Minutes of the
13th Meeting of the Governing Body, State Health Society, Assam

The 13th meeting of the Governing Body(GB), State Health Society, Assam was held on 13th February 2018 in the Conference Room of the Chief Secretary, Assam Secretariat, Block-C, Dispur. The meeting was chaired by Shri V. K. Pipersenia, IAS, Chief Secretary, Assam.

The list of members present in the meeting is mentioned in the Annexure.

The GB discussed on the following Agenda items:

1. Action Taken Report on decision made in the 12th GB Meeting.
2. Approval of Draft State Programme Implementation Plan, 2018-19.
3. Approval of Statutory Audit Report for the FY 2016-17
4. Other issues

Record of Proceedings:

The Chairperson of the Governing Body, State Health Society, Assam welcomed the members of the Governing Body and other participants of the meeting.

The Governing Body observed that the meeting of the GB is being held after a long gap of 13 months. The GB decided that the meeting would be held every 6 months as per the Bye-laws of the State Health Society. The Mission Director, NHM cum Convenor, GB assured to convene the meeting accordingly.

1. Action Taken Report on decision made in the 12th GB Meeting:

The meeting discussed the Action Taken Report on minutes of the 12th GB Meeting that was held on 14th December 2016. The Governing Body noted all the action taken reports.

2. Approval of Draft State Programme Implementation Plan, 2018-19:

The Mission Director, NHM outlined the objectives of the meeting with progress made by NHM and focus on the State Programme Implementation Plan 2018-19.

Summary Statement of Fund Received & Expenditure incurred for the Financial Year 2017-18 upto 12th February 2018 (Rupees in Crore)

Particulars	RoP Approval, 2017-18	Approval of RE	Opening Balance	Sanction by GoI to SHS	Credit into Treasury (State Exchequer)	Amount Credited into SHS A/c	Total Fund Available	Amount yet to be Credited into SHS A/c	Exp. Till Jan. 2018
			1	2	3	4	5 = (1+4)	6	7
GOI	1,853.97	1,412.57	218.34	734.05	732.81	539.04	757.38	193.77	689.13
GoA Share	117.36	117.36	-	71.95	71.95	71.95	71.95	9.61	71.95
Total	1,971.33	1,529.93	218.34	806.00	804.76	610.99	829.33	203.38	761.08

- % of Expenditure against Current Year Fund Sanction by GoI = 94%
- % of Expenditure against Fund Available = 92%
- % of Expenditure against Resource Envelope = 50%

Briefly, presentation was made on the various health indicators of the state and situation analysis which formed the basis of the State Programme Implementation Plan 2018-19.

a) The Governing Body noted while there has significant drop in the health indicators of IMR, U5MR, NMR and MMR over the years, these figures are still high in comparison of the other NE States and other states of the country.

b) The Governing Body observed the need of extra special focus in the Tea Garden Areas, Char Areas, Hilly Districts and the Border Areas.

The GB recommended for detailed analysis of the factors for health indicators in the Tea Garden Areas, Char Areas, Border areas as well as for the Tribal and Hilly Districts.

[Action: MIS Manager, NHM]

c) The GB opined that while the Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) at the Tea Garden Areas is a welcome initiative, a sustainable model is to be developed to address the health indicators in the Tea Garden Areas through Permanent Health Facilities in the Tea Garden Areas.

It also observed that while the Plantation Labour Act, Assam provides scope for the Tea Garden Management to provide health facilities to the labours, the onus is on the government to ensure provide health facilities to the entire population including

those residing in the Tea Garden Areas. It recommended to establish permanent health facilities in the 15 ATCL Tea Gardens in the 1st Phase.

The Governing Body also recommended creation of permanent health facilities in the Char Areas along with provision of more Boat Clinics to ensure improved health services delivery. It also suggested for PPP in these areas.

[Action: Special Consultant, NHM]

- d) The Governing Body approved the HR rationalisation recommendations made by the 17th EC meeting. The GB recommended that the HR rationalisation shall be undertaken for all cadres to ensure effective HR integration and for smooth Health System approach implementation. The GB also recommends rationalization of salary as per qualification and equal skills, responsibilities, etc. of NHM staff across the programmes.

[Action: HRD Consultant, NHM]

- e) The Governing Body acknowledged the improvement in the District Hospitals following the introduction of Kayakalp. However, the Governing Body recommended that all Public Health Institutions shall have the same quality parameters to ensure quality service delivery across the state in all public health facilities.

[Action: Program Executive, QA, NHM]

- f) The Governing Body noted the current status of the State as per the NITI Aayog Ranking where the state is ranked 21st among the larger states as per the parameters of 2015-16 & 2016-17. The GB resolved that all stakeholders shall take steps to ensure the state is ranked within the top 10 states in the next NITI Aayog Ranking.

[Action: Director of Health Services & NHM, Assam]

- g) The Governing Body decided that the proposal for the formation of the 6 new Health Districts against the new Administrative Districts shall be moved to the Govt.

[Action: Director of Health Services, Assam]

- h) The Governing Body recommended to install new uniform signboards for all health institutions as "Health & Wellness Centre, <facility name>" doing away with the multitude of the categories of health institutions for PHC level as per the 17th EC recommendations. The new signboards shall cover the list of geographical areas to be covered by the particular health institutions. The MD, NHM shall accordingly move file to H&FW Dept, GoA with the detailed proposal.

[Action: State Programme Manager & State Media Expert, NHM]

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- i) The Governing Body deliberated on the quality of reports provided by various laboratories (both private and public) in the State. It opined proper quality and accurate reports shall be provided to the patients. The GB decided that all the laboratories in the State shall be NABL/ NQAS Certified within 1 year's timeframe failing which the un-certified laboratory shall be closed down. For uncertified public health laboratories, the Laboratory would also be closed down and the Laboratory Technician would be discontinued.

**[Action: Director of Health Services, Assam &
Program Executive (Diagnostic)]**

- j) The GB suggested all stakeholders for close monitoring and supervision to ensure the quality health services delivery with free drugs, diagnostic services, etc. under different schemes to the population.

**[Action: Director of Health Services, Assam &
Program Executive (Diagnostic) & DSM (HQ)]**

- k) The Governing Body in principle approved the draft State PIP 2018-19 with proposed of **Rs. 255056.04 Lakh** for submission to the Govt. of India. The Governing Body emphasised to ramp up the capabilities to spend against the ROP Approvals received from Govt. It suggested to propose the PIP considering the spending capabilities.

3. Approval of Statutory Audit Report, FY 2016-17:

The meeting approved the Statutory Audit Report of State Health Society, Assam for the financial year, 2016-17.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.



Chief Secretary
Government of Assam
& Chairperson,
Governing Body, State Health Society,
Assam