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**MINUTES OF THE 22nd EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF STATE HEALTH SOCIETY, ASSAM HELD ON 6th JUNE 2021**

The 22th Executive Committee Meeting of State Health Society, Assam was held on 6th June, 2021 on COVID-19 pandemic at the Conference Hall of National Health Mission, Assam under the Chairmanship of Shri Anurag Goel, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Health & Family Welfare Department and Chairperson, Executive Committee, State Health Society, Assam.

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**.

Agenda Points:

1. Approval of Draft Emergency COVID Response Plan (ECRP), FY 2021-22 (April – Sept, 2021)
2. Present Covid-19 pandemic situation along with Vaccination Campaign
3. Temporary Makeshift Covid Hospital at Sarusajai and Assam Down Town University
4. Other issues (if any).

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

Agenda Point 1: Approval of Emergency Covid Response Plan (ECRP), FY 2021-22 (April – September).

The Executive Committee approved the Emergency COVID Response Plan (ECRP) for the total amount of **Rs. 46540.45 lakh** for the period of April – September, FY 2021-22 for onward submission to the Govt. of India. MD, NHM informed the house that draft ECRP has been prepared based on the need and guideline received from Govt. of India from time to time.

The EC recommended 132 numbers of new ICU Technician post (4 nos. per District X 33 Districts) are to be included in the ECRP (FMR Code – B.31.4) under NHM for management of ICUs/ PICUs during pandemic period.

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Chairman, EC also suggested to issue a detailed guideline to the districts for utilization of Untied Grants sanctioned under ECRP.

MD, NHM informed that NHM training fund will be utilised for different trainings of Medical and para medical staffs on management of Covid pandemic. Hence, no training fund has been proposed with ECRP.

Summary of ECRP

Rs. in Lakh

FMR Code	Major Heads	Total Budget proposal	Budget recommended by EC
B.31.1	Testing and Lab Strengthening	14,318.37	14,318.37
B.31.2	Procurement (Excluding central Supplies)-	10,198.24	10,247.74
B.31.3	Health Facilities (Equip., Infrast. development)	10,044.80	10,061.30
B.31.4	Additional Human Resources engaged for COVID-19	1,536.12	1,666.80
	Incentive to Human Resources	2,032.59	2,032.59
B.31.5	Mobility support & Surveillance related	1,531.54	1,531.54
B.31.6	IT systems	1,657.00	1,657.00
B.31.7	IEC/BCC	969.48	969.48
B.31.8	Training	0.00	0.00
B.31.9	Miscellaneous	4,055.64	4,055.64
	Total	46343.77	46540.45

MD, NHM informed that with approval of EC, the ECRP along with the minutes of the EC meeting will be placed before the next Governing Body (GB) meeting of SHS for ratification. Subsequently the ECRP ratified by the GB shall also be communicated to MoHFW, Gol for information and needful. Meanwhile, an advance copy of the EC meeting minute with relevant portion related to ECRP only may be immediately submitted to Gol for their kind information.

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The meeting discussed about the availability fund to tackle COVID pandemic in the State. The MD, NHM informed that an amount of **Rs. 216.69 Crores** was released to the State by the Govt. of India for management of Covid-19 pandemic in the last FY 2020-21 under Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package (100% Central Share) and **Rs. 4.99 Crores** was received from DONER Ministry. And another **Rs. 760.00 Crores** was received from State Govt. during the last FY 2020-21 for tackle Covid-19 pandemic. Further, an amount of **Rs. 5.79 Crores** is received from Govt. of India against COVID-19 Vaccination Programme up to May, 2021 which was already released to the DHS(FW), Assam and districts.

MD, NHM shown detail of fund received and pending liabilities against the scheme of "Prevention & Management of COVID-19 Pandemic" under the State Budget, FY 2020-21 & FY 2021-22 and informed that total Rs. 545.27 Crores is pending liabilities as on date. Chairman, EC directed to submit detail fund proposal under State Budget to tackle COVID pandemic including pending liabilities.

MD, NHM also shown details of loan given / taken an amount of Rs. 190.22 Crores from "Assam Cancer Care Foundation" head, State Budget during the COVID Pandemic period. In this regard, Chairman, EC informed that a separate meetings is scheduled on 12th & 13th June, 2021 with DHS, DME and NHM.

The Executive Committee also reviewed and noted the expenditure incurred during the FY 2020-21 under NHM, Assam. MD, NHM informed that 92% utilisation has been incurred against Resource Envelope.

Agenda Point 2: Present Covid-19 pandemic situation along with Vaccination Campaign

- a) The Executive Committee reviewed the present COVID situation in the State. EC noted declining trend of COVID positive cases and positivity rate in last two weeks. District wise trend of positive cases and positivity rate was also reviewed. EC expressed concern over high positivity rate of 8.04% in Tinsukia district and during last one week. Positivity rate of 7.39% in Dima Hasao district during last one week due to very low number of testing is also matter of concern.

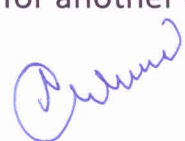


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- b) It was observed that number of COVID positive patient discharged is less compared to positive cases detected 10 days ago. The Chairperson directed Director of Health Services and Director of Medical Education to examine the matter and ensure timely discharge of the patients.
- c) The EC discussed about the discharge policy and days for discharge of patient under home isolation. The EC clarified that discharge should be as per SOP circulated by Government and patients under home isolation to be discharged on 10th day. However, they have to kept under Home Isolation for another 7 days. The same message shall be circulated to all concerned including "Sarathi-104" Call Centre for discharge of Home isolated cases on time.
- d) The EC discussed about the average number of persons vaccinated per day during last 10 days. It is informed that the State was conducting on an average more than 60,000 tests per day which has come down to 39,911 in last 10 days. Director of Health Services (FW) informed that number of persons vaccinated come down due to policy of mandatory testing before vaccination. The Chairperson directed DHS (FW) to prepare analysis showing day wise vaccination before adoption of the policy and after adoption of the policy.
- e) Director RRC-NE emphasise increase in number of isolation beds for COVID patients in public health facilities like PHC, CHC etc. focusing on rural areas as per guidelines issued by Government of India. The Chairperson clarified that, Government of Assam has already taken steps by establishing CCCs in Tea Garden areas and other Model Hospitals.

**Agenda Point 3: Temporary Hospital at Sarusajai (Makeshift Covid Hospital),
Guwahati and Assam Down Town University**

The Executive Committee reviewed the progress of Temporary Hospital established at Sarusajai (Makeshift Covid Hospital), Guwahati and Assam Down Town University. MD, NHM informed that MoU has already been signed on establishment of 300 Bedded Makeshift Covid Hospital at Sarusajai, Guwahati with DRDO and MoU signed with "Assam Down Town University" for another 400 Bedded Temporary Hospital at Guwahati.



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MD, NHM also informed that an amount of Rs. 19.70 Crores has already released to the DRDO as advance against 300 Bedded Makeshift Covid Hospital at Guwahati with the approval of Govt. and another Makeshift Covid Hospital is planned at Dibrugarh. Accordingly, fund has been proposed with ECRP for 2 (two) numbers of Makeshift Covid Hospital at Guwahati and Dibrugarh @ Rs. 22.50 Crores each (FMR B.31.3) in the ECRP for FY 2021-22. The 300 Bedded Makeshift Covid Hospital at Sarusajai, Guwahati is almost ready which may be started within a week.

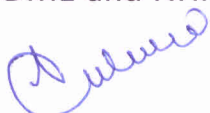
Agenda Point 4: Other Issues (if any)

- a) The Mission Director, NHM Assam informed that EC about the following proposals under consideration
 - Setting up of temporary COVID hospital at Palashbari, Kamrup district under support of World Health Organization (WHO). The hospital will have 12 numbers of auxiliary health facility (tent) with 12 beds each.
 - Proposal for financial grant from World Bank for management Covid-19 in State is under progress and an early conclusion is expected.
 - Health & Family Welfare Department is seeking support from various organizations under CSR fund and has already received donations in form of equipment/ consumables.
- b) EC discussed about emerging situation of black fungus disease. It was informed that 4 cases have been identified in the State till date and all of them are identified in the Private hospitals. The Chairperson, EC directed DHS and DME to verify the treatment protocol and medications used for the patients. DME and DHS to prepare detail SOP to deal with the disease.
- c) The MD, NHM Assam appraised EC about the list of hospitals identified by Government of India for Oxygen Generation Plant support. EC suggested to keep provision of necessary support like infrastructure, electricity etc required to be provided from State Government.
- d) EC discussed about the sustainability of the infrastructure / oxygen support projects implemented to deal with COVID. EC suggested to instruct all districts to engage engineer and technician (may be retired) for continuous monitoring of the projects. Retainer ship fee may be provided for that purpose.



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- e) Director, RRC-NE informed that Government of India emphasized utilization of services of final year nursing students and PG students for COVID duty and requested to provide extra honorarium to them. It was informed that Government of Assam is already utilizing services of final year nursing students and PG students for COVID duty and necessary logistic support provided. EC decided not to provide extra honorarium at this stage as other staff discharging COVID duty will be deprived.
- f) The Chairperson, EC directed to assess the current stock of COVID test kit and instructed to issue necessary purchase order if required to ensure more than 1 lakh tests per day.
- g) The Chairperson, EC informed the shortage of vaccine in newly created districts. At present COVID vaccine is provided to the parent district with bifurcation of number of vaccine doses. But, parent districts are not sending the vaccines to the newly created districts as per quota allotted to them. Hence, advance information to be given to the districts so that local level IEC can be done for better public response. DHS FW shall coordinate with such districts in this regard.
- h) The Chairperson, EC asked to Director of Health Services (FW) to take up the matter and ensure availability of vaccine in the newly created districts. It was also reviewed to provide vaccine to Majuli district from Lakhimpur instead of Jorhat.
- i) Director of Medical Education informed about issue of expired rate of few equipment. Considering the urgent requirement, EC decided to float fresh tender in Assam e-tender Portal to finalize rate for the equipment.
- j) Director of Health Services (FW) informed about requirement of 6 numbers of vaccine VAN. EC decided to procure the VAN from State Budget as Government of India denied to provide fund. EC also suggested to explore the possibility to manage the vaccine VAN under CSR initiatives.
- k) The EC discussed about various health infrastructure projects under taken by the Assam PWD under DHS, DME and NHM. EC opined that PWD may consider

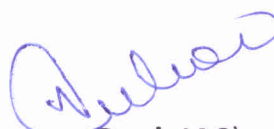


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to have a dedicated separate wing under an officer not below the rank of Addl. Chief Engineer to specifically look after Health infrastructure projects.

- l) Further, in view of significant numbers of Oxygen Generation Plants and Cryogenic Oxygen Tanks established across the state, Chairman, EC suggested that a designated Officer with two/three technical persons in every district, to look after these critical infrastructure may be nominated from PWD so that their training can be undertaken and a list of such resource persons can be maintained for future use. MD NHM was directed to submit a proposal to take up the matter with PWD (Building).
- m) SPO, NVBDCP raised the issue of wages of Malaria Technical Supervisors engaged under NVBDCP programme, NHM. MTS are posted at district and block level with present salary of Rs. 12,000/- per month. However, Surveillance Workers (SW) working under same programme with 12+ qualification posted at Sub Centre level are drawing salary of Rs. 15,000/- per month now. MTS are supervisor of Surveillance Workers, but drawing less salary compared to SW. Chairman, EC directed to process in file with proper justification to increase their wages within the budgetary limit of respective FMR code with defined numbers of MTS.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks from the Chair.



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&
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State Health Society, Assam

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Annexure - I

List of members present in the 22nd EC Meeting held on 06-06-2021

Sl No	Name	Designation
1	Shri Anurag Goel, IAS	Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam Health & FW Deptt. & Chairperson, EC
2	Dr. Lakshmanan S, IAS	Mission Director, NHM
3	Dr. Rathindra Bhuyan	Director of Health Service, Assam
4	Dr. Anup Kr. Barman	Director of Medical Education, Assam
5	Shri M. N. Ngatey, ACS	Director Health Service(FW), Assam
6	Shri Mukut Phukan, ACS	Jt. Secretary to the Govt. of Assam Health & FW Deptt.
7	Smt. Pomi Baruah, ACS	OSD, NHM & Dy. Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Health & FW
8	Dr. Manoj Kumar Choudhury	Executive Director, NHM
9	Dr. Ashoke Roy	Director, RRC-NE, Govt. of India, Guwahati
10	Shri B. Rajkhowa, AFS	Director, Finance & Accounts, NHM
11	Dr. N. Lalsim	Addl. DHS & SPO, NMHP
12	Dr. Nayan Jyoti Das	Addl. DHS & SPO, NTEP
13	Dr. Pranati Das	SPO, NLEP
14	Dr. Arundhati Deka	SPO, NIDDCP
15	Dr. Rahul Kr. Sarmah	SPO, NPCDCS
16	Dr. Bhupen Nath	SPO, NPPCD
17	Dr. Sabita Das	SSO, IDSP
18	Dr. Hapal Singh Suri	SPO, NVBDCP
19	Shri Rana Pratap Bezbaruah	Chief Consultant, Civil Work, NHM
20	Dr. Dipjyoti Deka	State Programme Manager, NHM

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