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MINUTES OF THE 7TH GOVERNING BODY MEETING OF STATE HEALTH SOCIETY HELD ON 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2012 IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF HON'BLE CHIEF SECRETARY, ASSAM, DISPUR

The 7th Governing Body (GB) of State Health Society, Assam meeting was held on 28th September, 2012 at 10-30 A.M in the Conference Hall of the Chief Secretary, Assam Secretariat, Dispur. The meeting was chaired by Shri N. K. Das, IAS, Chief Secretary, Assam.

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

Agenda No. 1: The GB discussed the Action Taken Report of the 6th GB Meeting that was held on 02.02.2011.

Agenda No. 2: The Mission Director (MD), NRHM made a Power Point Presentation on the progress made by NRHM, Assam, as per the suggestions of the 6th GB meeting. The GB deliberated on the reported progress and made the following observations/decisions:

- The GB discussed the matters related to reduction of IMR, MMR and TFR. To ensure provision of quality Antenatal Care to Pregnant Women. GB decided to explore the option of providing electronic BP machine to ANMs, so that there is no scope of inaccuracy in measurement. Dr. (Mrs.) Saswati S. Choudhury, President, Guwahati O&G Society and Associate Professor, O&G Department, GMCH suggested that the ANM can take the BP, Hb% estimation, weight etc. before sending to MO for further Examination. Hb% estimation may also be done at the time of testing for HIV at PPTCT.
- Regarding the training of ANMs that is meant to reduce the demand-supply gap of GNMs, the MD, NRHM stated that a Six Months Advanced Training course has been introduced; under which 75 ANMs have been trained till date. Another 150 ANMs are being inducted for training. These trained ANMs would be posted in PHCs/CHCs, in place of GNMs, for providing GNM level services.
- Regarding unavailability of manpower in BTC districts, which is a major constraint in delivering adequate services in the area, the GB advised to prioritize posting of manpower in those districts. It was suggested that selection of local candidate with suitable qualification may be considered preferable. The GB also suggested for inclusion of a member from BTC in the interview board.
- The GB discussed the distribution and storage mechanism of drugs and consumables. It was advised that the distribution of drugs to health

institutions and periphery level be made need based. In response to the concern raised about haphazard storage of drugs in the Health Institutions causing wastage, the GB suggested to put in place a monitoring mechanism to ensure smooth supply of drugs and consumables and an organized system of storage.

- The MD, NRHM stated that a study has been conducted covering approximately 10 percent of the institutions during the month of July, 2012 on the issue of drug availability and requirement. In the current Financial Year, the supply of drugs and consumables would be carried out as per the requirement estimated through the said study.
- The MD, NRHM also stated that the Director of Health Services and NRHM both would be responsible for ensuring supply of drugs. In addition to this, the MD mentioned that an Essential Drugs List (EDL) has already been formulated and notified, wherein the Government doctors have been ordered to prescribe only generic drugs from the EDL. NRHM is currently preparing a system of auditing of prescriptions.
- The Chairperson advised to strengthen the monitoring system to ensure accountability and successful delivery of quality health services by NRHM. It was suggested that monitoring should be considered as an ongoing process and the feedback must be used for improvement.
- The GB discussed the progress of Civil Works. Suggestion was made to expedite completion of construction, along with ensuring quality of such work. Further construction activities should be taken up as per the Area Based Gap Analysis and other requirement. The MD, NRHM informed that for the current Financial Year, GOI has approved Civil Works based on such gap analysis.
- The MD, NRHM stated that as the earlier experience of execution of civil work by PW Department and Assam Housing Board was not encouraging, presently all civil works are being carried out by NRHM, Assam itself. The MD also informed that third party monitoring and evaluation is being conducted to appraise the quality of work.
- Commissioner and Special Secretary, PWD (B&NH), Assam informed that action has been taken against officers involved in misutilization of funds or for non-completion of work on time.
- The GB also discussed the year wise financial progress. The MD, NRHM stated that the GOI has approved budget in two stages for the current Financial Year. Whereas the first approval was received in June 2012, the

approval of Supplementary PIP, 2012-13 has been received from GOI in the month of August, 2012.

Agenda No. 3: The GB reviewed the State Share position of the State Health Society, and advised to communicate the shortfall of State Share to the State Government.

Agenda No. 4: The GB discussed and approved the PIP/ROP for the Financial Year 2012-13. The MD, NRHM mentioned that for the current year, GOI has approved certain new initiatives, namely, Tele-Radiology, 102 Referral Transport, new buildings for 626 Sub-Centres, 14 MCH wings, HDU in all the Medical Colleges, and JE Hospital etc. The GB advised to submit PIP to the GOI with the approval of the Chairperson of GB.

Agenda No. 5: The GB approved the Statutory Audit Report of Financial Year, 2010-11. Discussion was held on major observations of the Audit Report and the Chairperson requested the MD, NRHM to distribute the same to the GB members. It was directed that henceforth the Audit Report should be circulated well ahead of the GB Meeting.

Agenda No. 6: The GB approved the proposals for submission in Additional PIP to the GOI within the resource envelop of the Financial Year, 2012-13.

Others:


The Chairperson advised to hold the GB meeting as per schedule.

The MD, NRHM informed that necessary funds, manpower and drugs have been provided at the relief camps in flood and violence affected districts.

The GB discussed about the status of registration of the State Health Society. The Chairperson advised the MD, NRHM to take necessary action on the matter.

The Chairperson asked the MD, NRHM to formulate an arrangement for regularization of the NRHM contractual staff after the Mission period is over.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the chair.


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

Annexure: The list of the members present in the 7th GB Meeting

Sl. No.	Name of Members present	Designation
1	Shri N. K. Das, IAS	Chief Secretary, Assam
2	Shri Prateek Hajela, IAS	Mission Director, NRHM & Commissioner & Secy. to the Govt. of Assam, H&FW
3	Ms. Purabi Sonowal	Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, H&FW Department
4	Shri (Dr.) U. N. Bora	Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Deptt. of Urban Development
5	Ms. Jeero Master	Chief, Field Office, UNICEF, Assam
6	Shri L. C. Borbarua	OSD, Finance Department, Govt. of Assam
7	Ms. (Dr.) G. Bezboruah	President, Indian Academy of Predicates, Guwahati Branch
8	Shri A. Bordoloi	Chief & Special Secretary (B&NH), PWD, Govt. Of Assam
9	Shri G. Deka	Research Officer, P&D, Govt. of Assam
10	Shri (Dr.) M. L. Nunisa	Director, Health Service, Assam
11	Shri (Dr.) S. K. Bordoloi	MNGO, Japorigog, Guwahati
12	Ms. (Dr.) Saswati Sanyal Choudhury	President, Guwahati O&G Society
13	Shri G. Ganguly	Special Consultant, NRHM
14	Shri (Dr.) A. C. Sarma	Consultant, Child Health, NRHM
15	Shri P. Sarma, AFS	Director, Finance & Accounts, NRHM
16	Shri (Dr.) A, Bhuyan	Jt. DHS (UIP), DHS (FW), Assam