MINUTES OF THE 9TH GOVERNING BODY MEETING OF STATE HEALTH SOCIETY HELD ON 24th JULY, 2014 IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF CHIEF SECRETARY, ASSAM SECRETARIAT, DISPUR

The 9th Governing Body meeting of State Health Society, Assam was held on 24th July, 2014 at 11-00 A.M in the Conference Hall of the Chief Secretary, Assam Secretariat, Dispur. The meeting was chaired by Shri Jitesh Khosla, IAS, Chief Secretary, Assam.

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

Agenda No. 1: Action Taken Report of the 8th GB Meeting held on 10.12.2013.

The meeting discussed the Action Taken Report of 8th GB Meeting that was held on 10th December, 2013. Following decisions taken during the discussion:

a) Joint Directors need to coordinate, supervise and monitor the NHM activities. The role of Joint Directors to monitor the activities are already categorically defined and stated. However, the role needs to be reiterated. The Director of Health Services will prepare a checklist of the mandatory activities of the Joint Directors. Regional Director, MoHFW and Director, RRC_NE will assist the Director of Health Services to prepare the checklist. The Annual Confidential Report (ACR) of the Joint Director of Health Services will be based on the performance of monitoring as per the checklist to be devised.

Action :- Director of Health Services/ All Joint DHS

b) For smooth implementation of JSSK activities, RRC-NE will formulate a guiding note and submit to the Chairperson through Mission Director, NHM and Principal Secretary, H&FW Department for approval.

Action:- Director, RRC-NE

c) The meeting reviewed the status of Emergency C-section Delivery at Night in the District Hospitals and FRUs. The meeting decided to make all DHS and FRUs functional equipped with Blood Bank/ Storage. The meeting also decided to make Joint Director, HS of the Districts accountable and responsible to ensure Night C-Section delivery.

Action: - Director of Health Services/ All Joint DHS

d) It was decided to form a committee for rationalization of manpower in the health institutions.

Action:- Health & FW Deptt., Govt. of Assam

e) The meeting decided to review the Civil Works progress on quarterly basis and implementing agency wise to assess progress of different Civil Works activities. The Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department will review the civil works. The members of the monitoring team for Civil Works activities constituted with Governing Body members will also be present in the meeting with monitoring report. Progress report along with monitoring report should be circulated to all members at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

Action:- Construction Cell, NHM

Agenda No. 2: Approval of State Programme Implementation Plan (State PIP), 2014-15

The meeting discussed on proposed State PIP and approved State Programme Implementation Plan of NHM, Assam for the Financial Year 2014-15. The following decision was taken-

- a) The total amount proposed in the State PIP 2014-15 is Rs. 2128.58 Crores. Considering the allocation and utilization of last financial year, the committee decided to reduce the amount closer to the Resource Envelope. However, the proposal was approved in principle.
- b) An exclusive sub-committee with technical experts is to be constituted for (i) Child Health (ii) Maternal Health, (iii) Intervention in Tea Garden Hospitals with an objective to review proposals submitted in the SPIP 2014-15. Further, a dedicated agency should be explored to monitor the civil works. Rationalization of Human Resource needs to be explored by a Committee. Considering Govt. of India guidelines and recommendations for most of the activities, the proposals are to be sent to Govt. of India for approval. Subsequently, the sub-committees will review the activities before implementation.

Action:- Health & FW Deptt., Govt. of Assam / HRD, NHM

c) The Chairman emphasized that, special steps should to be taken for improvement of mother and child care in the health institutions.

Action:- Consultant(CH & MH)/Construction Cell, NHM

d) The meeting decided to increase number of NRCs (Nutritional Rehabilitation Centre) in the State.

Action:- Consultant(CH)

e) The meeting decided to establish SNCU (Sick New Born care Unit), Sentinel Site Laboratory (SSL) in all District Hospitals

Action:- Consultant(CH)/ SPO(NVBDCP/IDSP)

Agenda No. 3: Approval of Statuary Audit Report, 2012-13.

The meeting approved the Statuary Audit Report of State Health Society, Assam for the financial year, 2012-13 after threadbare discussion. The following decision was taken-

a) The meeting advised to improve/strengthening of Financial, Audit and Monitoring System at all levels. The Accounts Branch should review un-utilized fund lying with District Health Society before release of next fund to the District Health Societies for implementation of NHM activities.

Action:- Director Finance & Accounts, NHM

b) The meeting suggested streamlining the system of collection of SOE/UC on timely manner.

Action:- Director Finance & Accounts, NHM

Agenda No. 4: Other issues discussed in the meeting

a) The GB emphasized that pending Civil Works should be completed and made functional within stipulated time.

Action: - Construction Cell, NHM

b) The meeting emphasized on strengthening of Public Health System by monitoring and supportive supervision of activities including financial monitoring at all levels.

Action: - SPM/ Director Finance & Accounts/ Consultant(P)

c) The Chairperson, advised PHE Department to provide safe drinking water facility in all the health institutions of the State including Sub-Centres. This should be the minimum criteria for improvement of public health. It should be ensured that, water supply should be provided through pipe water only to avoid flourish effect.

Action: - Chief Engineer, PHE, Govt. of Assam

d) The meeting suggested utilizing excess state share lying with State Health Society for maintenance of equipments, etc.

Action:- Director Finance/Consultant (P), NHM

e) Mass awareness needs to be generated in order to strengthen health awareness by involvement of Civil Society, Medical Associations and other Departments like Education, Social Welfare, PHE, Urban Development, etc. Special focus should be given in the Tea Garden and Char areas.

Action: - OSD/SME, NHM

The meeting suggested immediate steps for taking JE vaccination and fogging in all Districts.

Action:- Director of Health Services (FW) /SPO, NVBDCP

The Chairperson advised to categorize the place of posting based on difficult area and implement transparent transfer policy. Preference may be given to the employees who have provided services more than 3 years in a single place in difficult areas.

Action:- HRD, NHM

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

Chief Secretary

Chairperson, Governing Body State Health Society, Assam