

**Minutes of Regional Review Meeting of National Ayush Mission (NAM)  
held on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 at Hyderabad, Telangana**

A regional meeting to review the progress of activities approved under NAM in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) was held on 26th May, 2023 at 11.45 A.M. at The Plaza, Hyderabad, Telangana under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India. Representatives from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala States attended the meeting. The list of the participants is annexed.

2. At the outset, Smt. Kavita Garg, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Ayush welcomed Secretary Ayush, Dr. Kavitha Gotru, Chief Controller of Accounts (CCA), MoHFW/ Ayush and State Government representatives. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Ayush presented a Power Point Presentation highlighting the following points during discussion:-

(i) Eligibility for release of Grant-in-aid and instructions as issued by the Department of Expenditure (DoE), Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

(ii) The progress of approved activities under NAM in State of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala were discussed in detail highlighting the Status of Grant-in-aid released till 2022-23.

(iii) State Governments were sensitized regarding AHMIS, Pradhan Mantri Gatishakti, Data entry of no. of beneficiaries of Ayush HWCs in AB-HWC Portal and ASHA/ANM/Anganwadi workers linkage.

(iv) The State Governments were suggested to emphasize more on Ayush Public Health Programmes, especially on AYURVIDYA (Promotion of healthy lifestyle through Ayush System in 75000 schools), Ayush Mobile Medical unit and VAYOMITRA (Ayush Geriatric Healthcare Services).

(v) It was also highlighted that all approved AHWCs to be operationalized within F.Y 2023-24.

(vi) Status of submitted Utilization Certificates by the State Governments was discussed and shortcomings were conveyed to these States for submission of requisite documents.

(vii) The issue of celebration of International Day of Yoga, 2023 at all AHWCs and One Ayush Gram unit in each State was discussed and State Governments were suggested to involve political representative in the event.

(viii) State Governments were informed to initiate NABH Accreditation of Ayush Healthcare facilities such as AHWCs, Integrated Ayush hospitals etc. and it was suggested that Entry Level Accreditation of all approved AHWCs may be completed in time bound manner. The State Government was suggested to identify the AHWCs to be accredited and list of the same may be shared with Ministry as well as NABH team.

(ix) Resource Pool 2023-24 of these States was discussed and it was requested to submit their realistic SAAPs through NAM Portal highlighting their committed liabilities of the previous year SAAP, if any.

3. Dr. Kavitha Gotru CCA, highlighted the following utilities, developed for SNA, were also highlighted-

- Mapping of Heads- State Finance Department will map the Central Budget Heads with all the corresponding State Budget Heads of Accounts.
- Legacy Data- State Nodal Agency to enter the Legacy Data i.e. opening balance of F.Y. 2021-22 and get it approved by State Finance Department. NAM division will approve the same after which correct data will reflect in required reports.
- Budget Allocation- Entry of State wise and State Linked Scheme (SLS) wise budget allocation likely to be released during current FY 2023-24 by Programme Division.
- Interest Remittance- PD have to Map all the SLS schemes after which PAO/PrAO will approve with Default Interest Purpose. SNA can remit the interest through PFMS which is integrated with Bharatkosh.

During the meeting, it is mentioned by CCA that if any State's required any kind of training session w.r.t. entry of legacy data their team will provide the same as & when required.

4. Thereafter, State-wise status discussions held during the meeting is as under:-

**I. Telangana:-** It was informed to the chair that Rs. 3847.27 lakhs was approved in 2022-23, however, grant-in-aid could not be released to the State Government due to non-compliance of the guidelines by the State Government, as issued by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. Further, Ministry has released Rs. 8564.064 lakhs from 2014-15 to 2021-22, out of which expenditure of Rs. 8476.761 Lakhs (98.98%) has been reported and UCs for Rs. 6670.55 lakhs (including refund) (77.89%) has been submitted against the UCs due of Rs. 8564.06 lakhs. Further, it is observed that State Share of Rs. 2438.678 lakhs (Rs. 350.51 lakhs of year 2019-20 & Rs. 2088.168 lakhs of year 2021-22 is still lying in treasury and yet to be released.

State representative informed that State Govt. has submitted the SAAP of current year and accordingly requested to release funds at the earliest. It was informed to the State Govt. that release of funds will be done only after the compliance of conditionalities of Dept. of Expenditure and suggested State Govt. to take necessary steps for the release of funds lying in the treasury at the earliest.

It is informed by State Govt. that vide BRO No.528, Finance (EBS.V) Dept., dt:20/4/2023 & GORt No.240, HM&FW (F2) Dept., dt:4/5/2023 have been issued for an amount of Rs.1434.91 Lakhs. However, amount is yet to be credited to SNA.

It is informed by DS (AB) that State Govt. has submitted the provisional UCs of Rs. 1612.366 lakhs for previous year utilized amount. During the meeting it was requested that State may start the audit of FY 2022-23 and submit audited UCs along with supporting documents at the earliest.

## **II. Andhra Pradesh:-**

It was informed to the chair that Rs. 2186.08 lakhs was approved in 2022-23 however, grant-in-aid could not be released to the State Government due to non-compliance of the guidelines by the State Government, as issued by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. Ministry has released Rs. 7578.05 lakhs from 2014-15 to 2021-22 and they have reported expenditure of Rs. 2482.619 Lakhs(32.76%)and submitted the UCs for Rs. 2048.75 Lakhs(27.03%)against the UCs due of Rs. 7578.05 lakhs. UCs for Rs. 807.831lakhs has been liquidated and UCs for Rs.1240.914 lakhs is under examination for which SOE and progress report of 2015-16 required. Accordingly, State Govt. assured that they will furnish the relevant documents in 1-2 days.

During the meeting, it was highlighted that State Share of Rs. 361.16 Lakhs of (2017-18 to 2019-20) is lying in the treasury. The State Representative informed that the same will be withdrawn in 1 week.

Further, the chair noted that the Ministry has approved 2 units of Integrated Ayush Hospitals at Kakinada and Vishakhapatnam during 2014-15 and 2016-17 where construction work has not been started till now. Accordingly, the State Govt. was suggested to refund the amount to avoid the unwanted parking of funds. The State Govt. has assured that they will furnish the DPR, documents related to Land record and commitment towards creation of regular posts within 2-3 days to the Ministry as the tender process for Kakinada has been completed and the construction work will start in 2-3 weeks. With regard to Integrated Ayush Hospital at Vishakhapatnam, it has been informed by the State Govt. that the tender process has been started.

The State Representative were informed that Ministry is facing Audit paras w.r.t. these two Hospitals and accordingly suggested them to submit their explanation for delay in construction of these Hospitals alongwith DPR, Land record and commitment towards creation of regular posts.

It was also observed that during the year 2016-17 Ministry has released Rs.192.00 lakhs for construction of Govt. Naturopathic Medical & Yoga Medical College, Vishakhapatnam for which the State Govt. has not reported any expenditure till now and construction has not been started. The State representative informed that Tender is about to float in 1 month, accordingly, it was suggested that State Govt. has to submit the DPR, documents related to Land record and commitment towards creation of regular posts.

The State Govt. further assured that a substantial improvement w.r.t. physical and financial progress will be reported to this Ministry in next 6 months.

**III. Tamil Nadu :-** Ministry has released Rs. 14571.065lakhs from 2014-15 to 2022-23 to State Government of Tamil Nadu and they have reported expenditure of Rs. 12442.781 Lakhs(85.39%)and submitted the UCs for Rs. 10186.147 Lakhs (72.37%)against the UCs due of Rs. 14076.07 lakhs. UCs for Rs. 1918.665 lakhs has been liquidated.

During the meeting it is highlighted by DS(AB) that several review meetings has been fixed by Ministry with State Govt. of Tamil Nadu to resolve the issues i.e. submission of Statement of Expenditure w.r.t. already submitted UCs but still State is unable to submit Statement of Expenditure as per format.

In this regard, Commissioner, Tamil Nadu has mentioned that within 15-20 days they will resolve the issue of pending UCs and submit the same.

**IV. Kerala-** Ministry has released Rs. 16545.061lakhs from 2014-15 to 2022-23 to State Government of Kerala and they have reported expenditure of Rs. 14208.146 Lakhs(85.88%)and submitted the UCs for Rs. 11652.142 Lakhs(71.55%)against the UCs due of Rs. 16285.91 lakhs. UCs for Rs. 5303.33lakhs has been liquidated. State Govt. of Kerala was suggested to submit their SAAP for the current year at the earliest.

During the meeting it is highlighted that Govt. of Kerala has submitted audited UCs of Rs. 1851.998 lakhs and as per auditor report of these UCs, it was observed that several recommendations/ suggestions has been made by auditor at the time of audit of FY 2021-22. It is requested to State to submit action taken report w.r.t. recommendations/ suggestions made by auditor. Further, it was also requested to start audit of expenditure made during the F.Y. 2022-23.

Dr. Sajith Babu, IAS, Mission Director, Kerala has presented Power Point presentation on the best practises/ Innovations carried out in their State . Secretary, Ministry of Ayush complemented their efforts on innovative activities carried out in the State and suggested that such type of initiatives may be replicated in other States also.

4. Thereafter, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Ayush requested that to fulfil the goal of Universal Health Coverage and to reduce the out of pocket expenditure States have to focus on tele-consultation, so that needy patients can avail the informed choice of treatment. She also emphasized referrals and cross referrals are required to be strengthened through physical and tele-consultation and for this purpose hub and spoke models of tele-consultation is to be adopted. She emphasized on avoiding of keeping funds in SNA account and compliance of the other conditions as per Department of Expenditure.

5. Secretary, Ayush while referring the inspection reports of Central teams in 27 States/UTs,insisted that there is a need of quality monitoring at Central level as well as State level to rollout the activities in time bound manner and for follow up actions. The chair finally desired/emphasized the following.

- i. All approved AHCs to be operationalized within F.Y 2023-24. States have to focus on deployment of the manpower and quality branding.
- ii. Utilization of the balance amount available in SNA by the States and submission of the UCs at the earliest. For monitoring the Scheme there is need of strengthening of SPMU and DPMU in States.
- iii. A dedicated nodal Officer may be nominated for NABH accreditation related work for vigorous chasing, hand-holding. Quality Council of India(QCI) has international reputation and by NABH accreditation of AHCs will bring the behaviour change in the Human Resource, quality delivery of Ayush Services and also have the global impact.
- iv. A SoP for orientation of ASHAs/Anganwadi workers for their linkage at AHCs may also be developed by the Central team and required to be shared with the States.
- v. A weekly review with respect to implementation of NAM scheme may be taken by the Senior Officers in the States.
- vi. Timely submission of realistic SAAPs through NAM Portal.
- vii. Case Study sharing and propagation of the same in other states
- viii. Upcoming International Yoga Day (IDY, 2023) should be celebrated at all Ayush Grams, AHCs and other Ayush facilities. One member from each family may also be motivated for active participation in IDY, 2023.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks.

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**List of Participants:****Participants from the Ministry of Ayush:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Vd. Rajesh Kotecha	Secretary
2.	Smt Kavita Garg	Joint Secretary
3.	Dr. Kavitha Gotru	CCA, Health/ Ayush
4.	Shri Raj Kumar	Director, IFD
5.	Shri Anjan Biswas	Deputy Secretary
6.	Dr.Virendrakumar Bhakare	Assistant Adviser (Ayu.)
7.	Dr. Jasmine MM	Jr. Consultant
8.	Dr. Swati Juneja	Jr. Consultant
9.	Smt. Kamla	Finance Manager
10.	Sh. Abhay Chaudhary	Consultant, PFMS

**Participants from States:**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the State/UT</b>	<b>Name of the Officer</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	<b>Dr. S.B.R.Kumar I.R.S</b>	<b>Commissioner, Ayush Dept.</b>
		Dr.K.Kranthi Teja	Consultant, PMU
		Dr.G.Ranganath	Consultant, PMU
		Y.V.Ramesh Babu	Accounts manager, PMU
		Sri A.Bhujanga Rao	Accounts Officer, AyushDept.
2.	Kerala	<b>Dr. D Sajith Babu IAS</b>	<b>State Mission Director, NAM</b>
		Dr. Saji P R	State Programme Manager (ISM), NAM
		Dr. R Jayanarayanan	State Programme Manager (Homeo), NAM
		Mr. Dileep P.	Finance Manager, NAM
		Mr. Solshi S. Nair	HMIS Manager, NAM
3.	Tamil Nadu	<b>Tmt.Mythili K.Rajendran, IAS</b>	<b>Commissioner, Indian Medicine &amp; Homeopathy Department&amp;Member Secretary,State Ayush Society</b>
		<b>P. Balagurunathan</b>	HMIS Manager
4.	Telangana	<b>Smt. Prashanti IAS</b>	<b>Director Ayush</b>

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