

**Minutes of Regional Review Meeting of National Ayush Mission (NAM)
held on 6th April, 2023 at Dibrugarh, Assam.**

A regional meeting to review the progress of North Eastern States under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM) was held on 6th April, 2023 at 2.30 P.M. at Chintan Hall, Dibrugarh University Campus, Dibrugarh, Assam under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India. Representatives from all 08 North Eastern States attended the meeting. The list of the participants is annexed.

2. At the outset, Smt. Kavita Garg, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Ayush welcomed the Secretary Ayush, State Government representatives of North Eastern States and participants. A Power Point Presentation done by the Joint Secretary Ayush highlighting the following points:-

(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) National Ayush Mission in NE States by highlighting the Status of Grant-in aid released till 2022-23, Status of Ayush Health & Wellness Centres (AHWCs), Integrated Ayush Hospitals and New Ayush Educational Institutes approved under NAM.

(iii) Submission of proposals by States with respect to AYUSH Public Health Programmes as included under NAM. Special emphasis may be Given by NE States on AYURVIDYA (Promotion of healthy lifestyle through AYUSH System in 75000 schools), Ayush Mobile Medical unit and VAYOMITRA: Ayush Geriatric Healthcare Services. It was also highlighted that all approved AHWCs to be operationalized within F.Y 2023-24.

(iv) Status of submitted Utilization Certificates by the NE states, Shortcomings conveyed to the NE States and clarification documents required.

(v) Celebration of International Day of Yoga, 2023 at all AHWCs and One Ayush Gram Unit in each State.

(vi) Resource Pool 2023-24 communicated to the States. State Governments were requested to submit the SAAPs through NAM Portal. Appraisal/Approval of the submitted SAAPs will be done immediately so that funds could be released at the earliest.

(vii) Regular updation of achievements from NE states so that same can be appraised to the Department of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Government of India.

(viii) Separate Dedicated Ayush Directorate in the NE States where it is not available.

3. Thereafter State wise status discussed during the meeting are as under:-

I. Sikkim:- It was informed to the Chair that Sikkim is the only State who has availed all 04 instalments during last year which was appreciated by the Chair. Ministry has released Rs. 3405.446 lakh from 2014-15 to 2022-23 under NAM State Government of Sikkim as reported

expenditure of Rs. 3188.34 lakh (92.62%) and also submitted the UCs for Rs. 2670.45 lakh (87.46%) against the UCs due of Rs. 3053.35 lakh. Out of that UCs for Rs. 1755.67 lakh has been liquidated. UCs for Rs. 89.91 lakh have been returned and State Government has already been requested to submit the supporting Documents w.r.t. then Medicinal Plants component of NAM. Provisional UCs received for Rs. 824.87 lakh and State Government was requested for submission of the audited UCs for the same. It was enquired that none of the Ayush HWC is reflected as functional on AB-HWC portal against the approved 18 AHWCs.

Secretary Health, Government of Sikkim informed that audited UCs and supporting documents will be submitted by May, 2023. Director Ayush, Government of Sikkim informed that all 18 AHWCs are progressive functional, however they are already uploaded by NHM on AB-HWC portal and NIN ID is same for AHWCs, so Ayush Department is unable to upload the AHWCs on AB-HWC portal.

He further requested for some additional funds for infrastructure in NE States instead of retaining a common policy in pan India. He informed about laying of foundation stone for construction of 30 bedded Sowa-rigpa Hospital at Namgyal Institute of Tibetology (NIT), Deorali on 5th April, 2023 and assured that it will be made operational within 2 years. He also suggested that National Ayush Conclave like programs can be arranged by the Ministry of Ayush in good performing States like Kerala so that their activities can be experienced physically. He also emphasized on orientation to States for ASHA/ANM linkage, and furthermore regular training module for awareness as it is a dynamic activity.

Secretary Ayush requested to the Secretary Health, Govt. of Sikkim that Ayush HR is now available in Sikkim, so Ayush doctors must be deployed at AHWCs instead of B.Sc nursing professionals. Secretary Health, Government of Sikkim assured that Ayush doctors will be deployed at AHWCs but it will take a time of one more year.

II. Assam:- Ministry has released Rs. 10439.918 lakh from 2014-15 to 2022-23 to State Government of Assam and they have reported expenditure of Rs. 8543.37 lakh (81.83%) and also submitted the UCs for Rs. 6914.81 lakh (69.80%) against the UCs due of Rs. 9906.41 lakh. UCs for Rs. 5298.61 lakh has been liquidated. UCs for Rs. 346.94 lakh have been returned to the State Government requesting to submit the supporting documents viz. Statement of expenditure and achievement cum performance report. Provisional UCs received for Rs. 1269.26 lakh and State Government was requested for submission of the audited UCs for the same. State Government of Assam yet to submit DPR w.r.t Ayush Educational Institute at Dudhnoi and commitment for creation of Regular posts for Integrated Ayush hospital at Dudhnoi and Majuli. Further, till date, the Ministry has approved 489 AHWCs and only 210 AHWCs are progressive functional.

In this regard Director of Ayush cum Member Secretary, Government of Assam, informed that audited UCs and supporting documents will be submitted shortly to the Ministry. It was also highlighted by Mission Director that recruitment of Doctors as CHOs is under process. It is also informed that DPR for Ayush education institute at Dudhnoi is under finalization and will be submitted shortly to the Ministry. State Government was also requested for land record, DPR and commitment for creation of regular posts for newly approved 06 integrated Ayush

hospitals during 2022-23. Director of Ayush, Government of Assam informed that needful will be done shortly and agreed that there is a lack of visibility of Ayush in Assam and accordingly State Government is processing for manpower deployment in AHWs. Further she informed that out of 489 AHWs approved for Assam, 200 AHWs are of the year 2023-24 and will be made functional in current year.

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Ayush also informed to the chair that 100 New Ayush Dispensaries has also been approved in Assam and requested to the State Officials for construction of Dispensaries at the earliest and same was agreed by State officials.

III. Manipur:- Ministry has released Rs. 8227.988 lakh from 2014-15 to 2022-23 to State Government of Manipur and they have reported expenditure of Rs. 5229.392 lakh (63.56%) and also submitted the UCs for Rs. 5140.03 lakh (76.74%) against the UCs due of Rs. 6698.09 lakh. UCs for Rs. 3433.97 lakh has been liquidated. UCs for Rs. 439.23 lakh have been returned to the State Government requesting to submit the supporting documents viz. statutory auditor report and quality control of ASU & H Drugs related documents. Provisional UCs received for Rs. 1266.83 lakh and State Government was requested for submission of the audited UCs for the same. It was highlighted to the chair that recently in the month of January, 2023, Central team visited the Health & Wellness Centres and Integrated Ayush Hospitals (IAHs) in Manipur and team observed that Manpower has not been deployed at IAHs and there are less number of beneficiaries/patients, therefore there is a need of Awareness in people by the means of health camps, translation of IEC material in local language and distribution of same in the community.

It was also highlighted that 1st Installment released during the year 2022-23 is still lying pending in treasury. Further, till date, the Ministry has approved 67 AHWs and only 16 AHWs are progressive functional. It was requested to the State Government that option of establishment of AHWs in rented building should be avoided. Further, Manipur State Government may focus on construction of new Ayush Dispensaries instead of proposing new Integrated Ayush hospitals as already 12 Integrated Ayush hospitals supported in the State. Secretary Ayush also enquired about the status of construction of Homoeopathic Medical College at Keirao, Imphal East and requested to Ayush Director to send a communication immediately regarding the same.

Dr. S. Bishwanath Sharma, Member Secretary, State Ayush Society, Government of Manipur informed that audited UCs and supporting documents in respect of shortcomings and status of construction work of Homoeopathic Medical college at East Keirao will be submitted shortly to the Ministry. He also informed that the process of transfer of funds from treasury to SNA will be expedited as instructed. one-day refresher training has been provided to the 16 Ayush Doctors (CHOs) posted at AHWs on 4th April, 2023. He also informed that recruitment of manpower at Integrated Ayush hospitals is under process in Manipur.

IV. Mizoram:- Ministry has released Rs. 3775.524 lakh from 2014-15 to 2022-23 to State Government of Mizoram and they have reported expenditure of Rs. 3575.385 lakh (94.70%) and also submitted the UCs for Rs. 3153.90 lakh (84.54%) against the UCs due of Rs. 3730.52 lakh. UCs for Rs. 1875.12 lakh has been liquidated. UCs for Rs. 670.47 lakh have been returned

to the State Government requesting to submit the supporting documents w.r.t. then quality control of ASU & H Drugs and Medicinal plants components of NAM. Provisional UCs received for Rs. 608.31 lakh and State Government was requested for submission of the audited UCs for the same. It was also enquired that Construction work of Integrated Ayush hospital at Saitul approved in the year 2022-23 has not been started yet.

Dr. S. Mara Thansiami, Deputy Director Ayush, Government of Mizoram informed that all 38 AHWCs are progressive functional. Further she informed that tendering is under process for work order of Integrated Ayush hospital at Saitul.

V. Meghalaya- Ministry has released Rs. 4053.563 lakh from 2014-15 to 2022-23 to State Government of Meghalaya and they have reported expenditure of Rs. 2708.814 lakh (66.83%) and also submitted the UCs for Rs. 2382.04 lakh (67.50%) against the UCs due of Rs. 3529.20 lakh. UCs for Rs. 1215.38 lakh have been returned to the State Government requesting to submit the supporting documents viz. statutory auditor report, statement of expenditure and achievement cum performance report. Provisional UCs received for Rs. 1166.67 lakh and State Government was requested for submission of the audited UCs for the same. State Government of Meghalaya was enquired about none of the Ayush HWC is reflected as functional on AB-HWC portal against the approved 45 AHWCs.

Dr. B Dhar, State Nodal Officer, Government of Meghalaya informed that Sub-centres have been upgraded as AHWCs and same are the Health & Wellness Centres under NHM and they have been uploaded as AB-HWCs on portal. Due to the same NIN ID, they are unable to upload the AHWCs on portal although 22 AHWCs are progressive functional.

VI. Arunachal Pradesh:- Ministry has released Rs. 3831.999 lakh from 2014-15 to 2022-23 to State Government of Arunachal Pradesh and they have reported expenditure of Rs. 3365.382 lakh (87.82%) and also submitted the UCs for Rs. 2887.10 lakh (80.27%) against the UCs due of Rs. 3596.91 lakh. UCs for Rs. 1275.60 lakh have been liquidated. UCs for Rs. 622.34 lakh has been returned to the State Government requesting to submit the supporting documents viz. statutory auditor report, statement of expenditure and achievement cum performance report. UCs for Rs. 989.16 lakh are under examination. It was appraised to the Chair that Construction work of the Integrated Ayush hospitals approved during 2022-23 has not been started yet and only 42 AHWCs are reflected as functional on AB-HWC portal against the approved 89 AHWCs.

Dr. Dusu Laji, DDHS, Government of Arunachal Pradesh informed that 49 AHWCs have been made progressive functional out of the approved 89 and assured that by 62 AHWCs will be made operational by May, 2023 and all AHWCs will be made operational by July, 2023. Further, he informed that funds of the year 2022-23 realised by the Ministry of Ayush are still in State treasury and they are has already taking necessary steps for withdrawal of funds from treasury to SNA account. He also informed that after receiving the funds, construction work of the approved Integrated Ayush hospitals at Likabali (Lower Siang District) and Bhalukpong (West Kameng District) will be started immediately.

VII. Tripura:- Ministry has released Rs. 4348.432 lakh from 2014-15 to 2022-23 to State Government of Tripura and they have reported expenditure of Rs. 3476.91 lakh (79.86%) and also submitted the UCs for Rs. 3386.56 lakh (91.51%) against the UCs due of Rs. 3741.74 lakh. UCs for Rs. 1704.02 lakh have been liquidated. UCs of Rs. 1167.09 lakh are under examination. Provisional UCs for Rs. 515.45 lakh has been received against the first instalment released during the year 2022-23 and State Government was requested for submission of the audited UCs of the same along with the relevant supporting documents. Only 35 AHCs are reflected as functional on AB-HWC portal against the approved 84 AHCs.

Dr. Subrata Deb, Branch Officer Ayush, Government of Tripura informed that audited UCs will be submitted to the Ministry along with relevant supporting documents by April, 2022-23. Further, he informed that deployment that 37 AHCs (out of 38 approved during the year 2020-21) are progressive functional and work is under process with respect to approved 07 AHCs during the year 2021-22. Remaining 39 AHCs for which non-recurring grant approved during the year 2022-23 will be made operational by proposing the recurring grant-in-aid in SAAP 2023-24. He requested that Integrated Ayush hospital at Chandrapur, Gomati District is functional, however, there is a need of support for manpower, equipment, furniture and contingency funds for providing Panchakarma facilities. In this regard it was informed that, State Government may submit the proposal in SAAP 2023-24 under up-gradation of Ayush Hospitals for the said Integrated Ayush hospital as per the NAM guidelines.

VIII. Nagaland: - Ministry has released Rs. 6881.297 lakh from 2014-15 to 2022-23 to State Government of Nagaland and they have reported expenditure of Rs. 6317.03 lakh (91.80%) and also submitted the UCs for Rs. 4881.14 lakh (70.93%) against the UCs due of Rs. 6881.297 lakh. UCs for Rs. 4305.60 lakh has been liquidated. UCs for Rs. 575.54 lakh have been returned to the State Government requesting to submit the supporting documents with respect to then Medicinal Plant component of NAM. It was enquired that only 02 AHCs are reflected as functional on AB-HWC portal against the approved 49 AHCs and construction work of the approved 04 units of integrated Ayush hospitals during the year 2022-23 has not been started yet.

In this regard Dr. Seyiekhrietuo John, State Nodal Officer, Government of Nagaland informed that, all 49 AHCs are operational, however unable to upload the data on AB-HWC portal due to the same NIN ID. Further he informed that relevant documents with respect to shortcomings of UCs will be submitted by April, 2023.

4. Thereafter, Smt. Kavita Garg, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Ayush highlighted that to fulfill the goal of Universal Health coverage and to reduce the out pocket expenditure States have to focus on tel-consultation, so that needy patients can avail the informed choice of treatment. Joint Secretary Ayush further highlighted that referrals and cross referrals are required to be strengthened through physical and tel-consultation and for this purpose hub and spoke models of tel-consultation is to be adopted. It was requested to the State Officials for avoiding of funds in SNA account and compliance of the instructions of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

5. Afterwards Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary Ayush informed that Central teams have visited 27 States/UTs recently and good practices as well as shortcoming's noted during the field visits and 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. At least 50% of the medicine may be procured from IMPCL as early a possible to avoid the parking of funds in the SNA account.
- iv. A dedicated nodal Officer may be nominated for NABH accreditation related work a 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.
- v. 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.
- vi. A weekly review with respect to implementation of NAM scheme may be taken by the Senior Officers in the States.
- vii. Chintan Shivir at State level by each State for quality discussion and outcome.
- viii. 2 years SAAP strategy under NAM may be explored.
- ix. 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.

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

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1	Smt Kavita Garg	Joint Secretary
2	Shri Anjan Biswas	Deputy Secretary
3	Dr. Suresh Kumar	Deputy Adviser (Ayu.)
4	Dr. Virendrakumar Bhakare	Assistant Adviser (Ayu.)
5	Shri Ranjan Kumar	Accounts Manager

Participants from the North Eastern States:

Sr. No.	Name of the State	Name	Designation
1.	Sikkim	Shri. Tshewang Gyachho (SCS)	Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department
		Dr. Karma Chaden Bhutia	Joint Director cum SPO, AYUSH
		Mrs. Sabita Pradhan	Finance Manager, AYUSH
2.	Assam	Smti. Pranati Mazumder, (ACS)	Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
		Smti Pomi Baruah (ACS)	Director of Ayush cum Member Secretary, SAS, Assam
		Dr. Pranab Jyoti Baishya	Principal, Govt Ayurvedic College, Guwahati
		Dr. Dip Kumar Medhi	Principal, SJN Homoeopathic Medical College, Guwahati
		Dr. Hemanta Das	Directorate of Ayush, Assam
		Shri Aaicheng Mung Buragohain	State Programme Manager, NAM, Assam
		Dr. Sikha Lekharu	Consultant, NAM, Assam
		Shri Prasenjit Chakravarty	State Finance Manager, NAM, Assam
		Shri Manash Kamal Gogoi	HMIS Manager, NAM, Assam
3.	Manipur	Dr. AK Lokendro Singh	Director AYUSH
		Dr. S. Bishwanath Sharma	Member Secretary, State Ayush Society, Manipur/State Ayush Officer
4.	Arunachal Pradesh	Dr. Dusu Laji	DDHS (AYUSH)
5.	Mizoram	Dr. S. Mara Thansiami	Deputy Director Ayush
		Dr. Shirley	State Nodal Officer, HWC
6.	Nagaland	Dr. Seyiekhrietuo John	SPO & Member Secretary NAM, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare
		Shri Kelhouzasie Lawrence	Yoga Instructor NAM.
7.	Meghalaya	Dr. B Dhar	State Nodal Officer
		Dr. Lily Papih	Yoga Instructor
		Dr. Bila Chyrmang	Yoga Instructor
8.	Tripura	Dr. Subrata Deb	Branch Officer (AYUSH) SAMT.
		Shri. Surajit Pal	Finance manager (AYUSH) SAMT

Interaction by Hon'ble Union Minister of Ayush with State Representatives.

On 7th April, 2023, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping & Waterways interacted with the State Government representatives from NE States in the august presence of Shri Keshab Mahanta, Hon'ble Health & Family Welfare Minister, Government of Assam. Representatives from 06 State except Nagaland and Meghalaya were present for the said interaction.

Firstly, Smt. Kavita Garg, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Ayush informed to the Hon'ble Minister of Ayush that a meeting was conducted on 6th April, 2022 under the Chairmanship of Secretary Ayush, Government of India to review the implementation of national Ayush Mission in NE States and representatives from all the States actively participated in the said meeting. It was appraised to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Ayush that only Sikkim has availed all 04 instalments during 202-23 under NAM.

After introduction by the participants to the Hon'ble Ministers, Secretary Health, Government of Sikkim suggested that National Ayush Conclave like programs can be arranged by the Ministry of Ayush in good performing States like Kerala so that their activities can be experienced physically. Mission Director, Government of Assam requested that a technical person from Engineering field may be included in State Programme Management Unit which was supported by all the State representatives. She also informed to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Ayush that DPR of Ayush Education Institute at Dudhnoi is at final stage and will be submitted immediately to the Ministry.

Hon'ble Minister of Ayush informed that just creating the infrastructure is not sufficient and States have to focus on Monitoring, Manpower, Material, Machinery and Money (5M) to run institutes with credibility and acceptance. Hon'ble Union Minister of Ayush also appraised that number of beneficiaries are increasing day by day in Ayush sector, however proper maintenance of the record and reflection of accurate number of beneficiaries on dashboard is the real need. Hon'ble Minister also requested to workout with respect to support for the Innovative ideas from PPP (Private Public Participation) and if ideas are better can be put up for Cabinet approval. Hon'ble Minister also informed about the PM Gatishakti (18 Ministries on same platform) and National Logistic policy (07 Ministries). Hon'ble Minister of Ayush informed the participants that, we are in the era of technology and there is a need of synergy between good infrastructure and manpower (2shifts/3 shifts work). Hon'ble Minister requested to the State representatives for arranging Chintan Shivirs at State level by each State for quality discussion and outcome and suggestions/recommendations may be sent to the Ministry, so that it will helpful for policy decisions. Finally, Hon'ble Minister of Ayush requested to the State Government representatives to take necessary steps for development of Ayush in NE States and to contribute actively for making successful IDY, 2023.
