

## **MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL LEVEL REVIEW MEETING OF NATIONAL AYUSH MISSION (NAM) HELD ON 27.09.2019 AT THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

A Regional level Review Meeting of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) was held on 27.09.2019 at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala under the Chairmanship of Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH, which was preceded by a field visit on 26.09.2019 of activities taken under National AYUSH Mission by the State of Kerala.

On 27.09.2019, State representatives from Andhra Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Puducherry, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Tamilnadu and Telangana participated in the review meeting. The list of participants is placed at **Annexure-I**.

At the outset, Dr. A. Raghu, Joint Adviser, Ministry of AYUSH welcomed all the officials of participating States. After that a brief introduction was given by all the officials participating in the Review Meeting.

**Dr. A. Raghu, Joint Adviser**, Ministry of AYUSH made a presentation on Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of National AYUSH Mission (NAM). He explained, in detail, the activities and the progress made by States under the Mission.

It was mentioned that States have to submit physical and financial progress reports after the release of funds and expenditure. He also mentioned that States/ UTs have to submit the Status of Progress Report of 50 Bedded integrated AYUSH Hospitals, AYUSH Education Institutions, Drug Testing Laboratories and Medicinal Plants activities on regular basis. Ministry of AYUSH has supported pharmacies of different States under up gradation of AYUSH pharmacies however their functional status is far from satisfactory. The State Governments are required to develop the pharmacies with the grant provided by Ministry of AYUSH so that they can supply quality medicines to their own State AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries.

**Shri Roshan Jaggi, Joint Secretary**, Ministry of AYUSH made the introductory remarks during the review meeting and expressed his gratitude towards State Govt. of Kerala for organising the regional review meeting in the State. He stated that the Regional Review Meetings are an endeavour of Ministry of AYUSH to provide platform to group of States to share experiences, yielding dividends and an occasion to share the success stories among the States and also to find out solutions to some of the bottlenecks faced by them during the implementation of Mission.

He mentioned that States/ UTs have major role in implementation of NAM Scheme. Its success primarily lies with the State/UT Governments since they are the implementing agency. Following important points were flagged by JS during opening remarks: -

**i. Health & Wellness Centres in the States/ UTs:**

10% of total Health & Wellness Centres shall be exclusively managed by AYUSH. Therefore, Ministry of AYUSH had held various meetings with the States/ UTs. The operationalization of HWCs is a way to demonstrate the effectiveness & workability of wellness model on AYUSH and for preventive & promotive aspects. He mentioned that after National Health Policy, 2017, Govt. reoriented approach for comprehensive Primary Health Care, generating awareness in community regarding preventive & promotive aspects. The primary object for operationalization of HWCs of AYUSH is to generate wellness for People and to reduce the dependence on Allopathy. States needs to focus on existing AYUSH dispensaries; their upgradation, support to manpower, orientation building, yoga etc. There is two way mechanisms in Health & wellness Centres which involves Diagnosis of diseases and if it is required the patients may be referred to higher centres and cross pathy also. HWCs can provide after treatment cure. It is at the conceptual stage which requires smooth coordination between AYUSH Sector & Health Sector. JS has further mentioned that the guidelines for operationalization of AYUSHMANN BHARAT Scheme for AYUSH are finalized and also sought inputs from State regarding its smooth implementation.

**ii. Flow of Budget at different levels in the States /UTs.**

It has been found that after receipt of grant-in-aids from Ministry of AYUSH, the State-Finance Departments are not releasing funds to AYUSH Societies in time bound manner. Accordingly, there is delay in fund transfer to Implementing Agencies. It is resulting in a situation where works approved under SAAP do not get started in time leading to delay in completion of works as per time line. Some States have failed to release funds for months despite requests by implementing agencies.

JS underlined the need that State Finance Department must release the Central share along with matching State share to State AYUSH Society and then to Implementing Agencies in a time bound manner to ensure judicious use of funds for the benefit of the people of States

/ UTs. **Delay in release of budget not only affects the actual benefits of the scheme but it is a financial irregularity.**

**iii. Pending UCs and non-submission of monthly and quarterly progress reports.**

The States / UTs have to submit the monthly and quarterly progress reports to Ministry of AYUSH on timely and regular basis which is not happening as a result of which monitoring of funds, utilisation and tracking of physical progress is becoming difficult. He advised the States to follow the guidelines in letter and spirit. It is observed that States/UTs have utilised large amount of funds as reflected in their submitted quarterly physical & financial report. However, they are not submitting UCs to Ministry for actual expenditure made against the approved SAAP. He stated that the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National AYUSH Mission will complete its first cycle on March, 2020 and for the continuation of the scheme, good performance including submission of Utilisation Certificates & complete expenditure of funds is required.

Following is the position of participating States: -

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Sl. No:	State	Amount released up to the year 2018-19	Total Amount spent as reported by the States/ UTs as on 31.06.2019	UCs received	UCs yet to be received
1	Andhra Pradesh	5292.057	1821.54	807.831	1013.709
2	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1166.814	395.11	173.95	221.16
3	Puducherry	1059.69	382.29	207.321	174.969
4	Karnataka	7909.00	3594.46	1641.132	1953.328
5	Kerala	7113.722	5281.22	1434.488	3846.732
6	Lakshadweep	762.699	215.28	212.446	2.834
7	Tamilnadu	7183.618	3505.77	1473.144	2032.626
8	Telangana	4497.634	1203.01	1203.01	0.00

While sending financial and physical progress reports, it should be ensured that funds received against the approved SAAP of a particular financial year, are clubbed together and shown in the progress report in that year. Also, percentage of achievements should be reflected in the physical report submitted at the end of each quarter. Progress reports have to be prepared financial year-wise. Some States / UTs are showing the amount placed at the disposal of executing agencies like State PWD department, under expenditure without actual utilization on ground. Expenditure figures should be as per actual expenditure booked after execution of works by executing agencies and not the amount released to executing agency which may be lying in their bank accounts and thus an incorrect position is portrayed in the monthly/quarterly returns.

JS (RJ) also highlighted the issue that State Govts. are reflecting expenditure on higher side but physical progress does not match with it. The expenditure figures should be accompanied with physical progress showing the exact proportion of the works executed. JS (RJ) also stated that status of Progress Report of many States is not satisfactory and not reported timely. Further, he also mentioned that Physical and financial progress report should be signed by competent authority and then only scanned copies may be sent through e-mail to the Ministry.

Some States are doing the monitoring part but Evaluation by States is also to be done. It is very important that if any facility has been upgraded with the assistance availed under NAM, photographs before up-gradation & after up-gradation is required to be maintained and submitted with monthly / quarterly report. In this regard, States have to start the process and should share the report quarterly on impact of the Scheme under various components such as Medicinal Plants Component, Hospitals/ Dispensaries, Pharmacies/ DTL and Colleges etc. JS (RJ) highlighted that Renovation/ Up gradation should be given priority above Sports medicine, Tele medicines etc. Also, UC should be audited and then must be submitted to Ministry.

JS (RJ) mentioned that Stakeholders are most important for delivering good progress of programme while Ministry of AYUSH has a very limited role.

**Secretary (AYUSH)** mentioned that States/UTs need to work together with Ministry of AYUSH and achieve the goals for the community and this type of meetings are held to discuss different issues and bottlenecks faced by the States/ UTs during implementation of scheme. Secretary (AYUSH) mentioned that due to review meetings, many States have

submitted the pending UCs for Liquidation. He also mentioned that States are actively participating and submitting monthly/quarterly progress report & every state is going good in some component or another. Due to review meetings, States are coming up with new ideas and exchanges of ideas from one state to other are expected with the outcomes. However, it is also observed that there is very less percentage of achievements at the ground level which may be looked up by the States for best outcome in this financial year.

Also, Secretary has expressed his concern regarding the implementation of National AYUSH Mission Activities as observed during review meetings and field visits. States need to highlight practices which can be considered as benchmark emphasising the fact that it is the partnership between State and Centre. Health is a State subject and implementation comes under the purview of respective State Govt. He emphasized the “low cost high delivery model of AYUSH”. He also explained the success of AYUSH intervention in National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, CVD and Stroke (NPCDCS) with intervention of AYUSH based practices such as Yoga, Nutrition, lifestyle and cost based treatment and requested to all the states to come up with such low cost based high deliverables model in all the 12 service areas of the health and wellness centres framework.

Further, Secretary (AYUSH) has emphasised the importance of Developing 12,500 Health & Wellness Centres, as expansion of HWCs activities is the biggest ever task given to AYUSH Department which should be considered as Challenge & opportunity both for the development of AYUSH health care as Alternative Health Care. It has been informed by the Secretary (AYUSH) that ten Health & Wellness Centres have already been launched by Hon’ble Prime Minister in Haryana State and in line to it, southern states also needs to work for it as they are successful in developing AYUSH modalities in Health Care System.

Dr. Sharmila Mary Joseph, Secretary, AYUSH Department, Govt. of Kerala presented the status of AYUSH-Systems and services of Kerala Government. She has emphasized that there is need of coordination between AYUSH and Modern science and also presented the achievement of State government of Kerala.

Sh. Vikram Singh, Director and Dy. CEO (I/C) made a presentation on medicinal plants component and suggested the need for Research Development in Medicinal Plants.

Dr. Sulochana Bhatt, Nodal Officer, Ayushmann Bharat has made power point presentation on HWCs under Ayushmann Bharat and its various operational modalities.

## **STATE-WISE REVIEW**

### **I. ANDHRA PRADESH**

**Smt. P. Usha Kumari, Commissioner (AYUSH), Andhra Pradesh and Dr. DCHS Shastri, Nodal officer, Andhra Pradesh** in their presentation discussed the progress made by the State under National AYUSH Mission highlighting the different activities of NAM.

It has been informed by the State that the expenditure of the amount for the medicine received in the financial year 2014-15 & 2015-16 has been made. However, for 3 consecutive years from 2017-18 to 2019-20, funds has not been released from State treasury to State AYSUH Society to which Secretary (AYUSH) has suggested the State to take up the matter on urgent basis. Further, state has informed that the amount allotted to Naturopathy Hospital at Vishakhapatnam is lying unspent as land is not allotted yet.

Dr. D.C. Katoch, Adviser (Ay.) has sought the status of functionality of pharmacy and procurement of medicines. He has also suggested State to expedite the operationalisation of DTL & pharmacy and regular testing of samples must be done by the State and periodically send report of tested samples must be provided to the Ministry of AYUSH. Also, some targets shall be given to the pharmacy for supply of medicines. State has informed that the construction work of pharmacy will be started immediately for which land allotment has been done and permission has been accorded by Mission Directorate. Ministry of AYUSH has supported one Drug Testing Laboratory under Erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Hospitals & Dispensaries; UC of which is still pending to which State assured that UC's will be submitted shortly within five months.

Further, with respect to pending UCs of Erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Hospitals & Dispensaries, JS (RJ) suggested that pendency can be resolved in accordance with the location of the institutions etc. in Telangana or Andhra Pradesh. Further, State can constitute a committee to resolve the issue of settlement of UCs; report of which needs to be send to Ministry of AYUSH.

Under Medicinal Plants component, State informed that the budget has not been allotted for the financial year 2014-15 and the amount has been released for the financial year 2015-16 for Cultivation in an area of 2304 Acre, 2 Nurseries & Regional Collection centres granted and from the released amount of 2016-17, 3738 Acre land cultivated & 7436 farmers were benefitted. Further, the amount for 2017-18 & 2018-19 is yet to be released. Sh. Vikram

Singh, Dy. CEO (I/C) suggested State to submit the progress report from 2016-17 to 2018-19 to the Ministry. Also, information related to Cluster, no. of famers benefitted, DBT etc. is required to be sent to Ministry time to time. With regard to better implementation of Medicinal plants component, it is required that State AYUSH Society has to release the amount to the implementing agency at the earliest.

Dr. A. Raghu, Joint Adviser (Ay.) suggested States to submit progress report separately for TSP/SCSP Activities and to mention the SCSP/TSP areas separately in achievement cum performance report also as Ministry has to submit the information related to SCSP/TSP Areas separately to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to which Andhra Pradesh State assured that details of funds utilised under TSP and SCSP component will be submitted at the earliest.

With respect to HWCs, State Govt. has informed that total 42 Ayush dispensaries has been proposed for developing as Health and Wellness centres in year 2019-20. Out of these 42 units, one is in rented building and remaining all are in government building. It was also mentioned that Ayush state department is yet to receive the HWC funds from the state level. For the health related baseline data, NCD data etc state mentioned that they will be coordinating with their respective public health department for same. State also mentioned that for the lab test they will be coordinating with the nearest sub-centres. State is purchasing the medicine from the APMSIDC. One additional post of Ayurveda doctor is required for the operationalization of Health and Wellness centres. State concluded that all the activities will be started as soon as department will receive the funds from the State Government. JS (RJ) has suggested state to identify the executive agency for repair, renovation as this is the primary work for which tender can be put up and at the same time pursuance for release of funds may also be continued so that work can be taken up at the earliest. Further, Secretary (AYUSH) suggested the States for proactive approach & follow up for upgradation of AYUSH dispensaries into HWCs and branding, sensitization of community is also required to be done by State Govt for which inputs from Haryana State may be taken as well if required.

Dr. D.C. Katoch, Adviser (Ay.) suggested State that licensing authority should be registered on E-Oushadhi portal developed by Ministry of AYUSH. The States are required to notify Drug Controlling Authority which may be Commissioner (AYUSH)/ Director (AYUSH) of respective States. Further, regarding misleading advertisements, States needs to appoint nodal officer or Drug inspector to monitor the misleading advertisements and the

report of which along with the contact no. of the nodal officer should be sent to the Ministry of AYUSH. State has informed that Mission Director (AYUSH) is the licensing Authority in the State for Ayurveda and Unani drugs & Additional Director is the licensing Authority for Homoeopathy and soon the State will notify Commissioner (AYUSH) as Drug Controlling Authority.

## **II. KARNATAKA**

**Dr. Ananta S Desai, Project Director, Karnataka** in his presentation discussed the progress made by the State under National AYUSH Mission highlighting the different activities of NAM.

He stated that total SAAP approved for an amount of Rs. 15486.269 Lakhs and Govt. of India released an amount of Rs. 9700.702 Lakhs as Central Share. Out of the total approved amount, Rs. 9776.7 Lakhs has been released to State AYUSH Society and an amount of Rs. 5709.24 Lakhs is yet to be released to Society from State treasury.

An amount of Rs. 45 Crore as Central Share is lying with State treasury, to which State explained that the State Share allocation has not been provided and due to which funds are still lying in the treasury only. JS (RJ) suggested that State has to take this matter with Administrative Secretary so that Ministry can also communicate the same to Finance Secretary or Chief Secretary. State has informed that Commissioner (AYUSH) of State Govt. Karnataka is looking after the said matter to which JS (RJ) has sought the updated information regarding the matter so that Ministry should also be aware of the proceedings. With respect to pending UCs under erstwhile centrally sponsored scheme of development of hospitals & dispensaries, state was suggested to depute an official from the state for reconciliation with Ministry regarding shortcomings found in the submitted UCs.

Under AYUSH Education Institutes, State has raised the issue of duplicacy in the proposal of upgradation of UG College, Shivamogga as Central Govt. & State Govt. both has approved the proposal for the upgradation of the same college. With respect to it, State has been suggested to either refund the funds or propose the funds for another activity.



With respect to Medicinal plants, State has informed that the UC for the financial year 2016-17 & 2017-18 has been finalized and will be submitted to the Ministry shortly. Further, the amount of the financial year 2018-19 is still lying with State AYUSH Society. Also, State has informed that State Medicinal Plants Board has been shifted to AYUSH Department since last one month. Dy. CEO has suggested State to submit the progress report from 2016-17 onwards including the cluster information as name of farmers etc. State was also suggested to increase the no. of nurseries, post harvest management and processing units and steps needs to be taken by the state for release of funds.

Dr. Katoch, Adviser (Ay.) has mentioned that only seven manufacturing units in the State are GMP Certified. Therefore, State is required to take necessary steps for GMP Certification of other manufacturing units, registration of licensing authority on E-Oushadhi portal and notification for Drug Controlling Authority.

With respect to HWCs, State representative informed that 100 units have been identified and meeting has been conducted with Health & Family Welfare Minister, Principal Secretary, Commissioner & Director (AYUSH) for the convergence with Health Department. Secretary (AYUSH) has mentioned that defined Standard operating procedures (SOPs), sensitization of people and convergence with health department is required. Further, Secretary (AYUSH) has shown concern about the disparity in salary between AYUSH Doctor & NHM Doctor and suggested State to address the issue of salary.

With respect to HWCs, State has proposed 100 dispensaries for developing as Health and Wellness Centres informing further that all the preparation & mapping of the facilities is completed. The Electricity and internet are available and all the dispensaries have appointed CHOs. Recruitment of MPWs and Yoga Instructors is under process and it will be completed soon. State highlighted that training will be completed in three phased manner first CHOs sensitization, thereafter; Yoga Instructors training will be completed. Coordination for the baseline data with the public health department will be done. State also raised the issue regarding requirement of CHOs to undergo for the bridge course to which the Secretary (AYUSH) informed that there is no need for AYUSH CHOs to undergo six month of bridge course as CHOs have already learned these components in their course of time and if needed sensitization training for the National Health Programme is to be given that too in phased manner. He also emphasized that the AYUSH CHO is dedicated for the AYUSH Services

and not for the allopathic services. He will be allotted to prescribe the AYUSH medication and only be allowed to dispense the Allopathy drugs. He also concluded that AYUSH doctor would not be replacement for the allopathic doctors but for integrative approach for the treatment for the visualization of Wellness in health and wellness centres. Further, Secretary (AYUSH) has shown concern about the disparity in salary between AYUSH doctor & NHM doctor and suggested State to address the issue of salary.

### **III. KERALA**

**Dr. Subhash. M, State programme Manager (ISM) Dr. R Jayanarayana SPM (Homoeopathy)** in their presentation discussed the progress made by the State under National AYUSH Mission highlighting the different activities of NAM.

**State programme Manager** informed that 50 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospital at Chalakudy Thrissur was approved in suppl. SAAP 2017-18, DPR has been prepared and civil works will begin from the month of October, 2019.

State has informed that 224 Drug Samples were tested in the last financial year and from 2014 onwards 1246 samples were collected out of which 40 samples were not found of standard quality and 7 cases initiated for spurious. Dr. Katoch stated that there are 773 Manufacturing Units and only 7 Drug inspectors are there suggesting further that for every 30 units, there should be one inspector appointed and separate drug licensing authority and controlling authority should be there in the state.

Further, State has explained that there are 16 AYUSH Grams in the State and the concept is developed by Muhamma Gram panchayat having population of around 30000. Yoga classes have been conducted in each and every village in very informal & cost effective way for which salary of an amount of Rs. 14000 for yoga instructor and Rs. 41000 for Medical officers is being given. The Data has been collected from PHC/ Ayurvedic & Homoeopathic dispensary regarding it as PHCs have the baseline data. Dr. Suresh Kumar, Deputy Adviser (Ay.) has suggested State to submit the report of the outcome of all the activities proposed under flexipool so that Ministry may analyse the impact of different AYUSH intervention in the community as conducted through flexipool component of NAM. It was also highlighted that community health index are to be developed by the State.

State has also showed presentation on various best practices of Kerala. Dr. Parvatheedevi, Supdt, GARIM Kottakkal explained in detail about the cases related to mental health problems. Govt. Ayurveda Research Institute for Mental Diseases, Kottakkal in which patients were counselled and their medication were taken care of and for the same 1 doctor is appointed in each district. Mental health component is rolled out in State of Kerala with the help of **NIMAHANS**, Bengaluru. **Pratiksha Mental Health programme** is going on in state of Kerala. Other programme like **Sadgamaya** (Intervention in childhood behavior), **Medha** e.g. paraplegia, Geriatric care etc ) **Seethalayam** (Gender based violence programme), **Snehadhara**, (Palliative care interventions, **Harsham** (Homeopathy programme) etc . are few of the new intervention are rolled out in area of the **mental health** and **Non-communicable diseases**. Secretary AYUSH has suggested State to document the success of the treatment along with the case studies and Dr. C.M. Seth, Expert and former chairman, J&K pollution control board suggested to develop standardize protocols for treatment for recognition.

Dr. A. Raghu, Joint Adviser pointed out that the State AYUSH dispensaries which were visited by the team during field visit were not in good condition and doctors were prescribing medicines for two days only and on the contrary, at least one week prescription should be provided by the doctors. It has also been observed that Medicines of an amount of Rs. 60,000/- per annum only has been provided through the State funds and rest of them were supported by LSGs.

**Nodal officer Ayushman Bharat Kerala** presented a very detailed plan of HWC operationalization in a state. She also highlighted the epidemiological transition status of diseases burden of the Kerala. A total of 100 Dispensaries are proposed by the State Kerala, however, the Kerala proposal was submitted in month of September all the approvals are pending for the HWCs at National and therefore at State level as well. It has been assured that as soon as approval comes all the operationalization procedure which is planned will be executed properly as per the standard guidelines and norms.

Under Medicinal Plants Component, State has informed that State Horticulture Mission is the implementing agency from 2009-10 and due to which lack of coordination was there between Horticulture and State. The state government has appointed now SMPB as implementing agency for medicinal plants component under NAM. After the discussion it has been observed that State Govt. has decided that the State govt. will release fund to the State Horticulture Department (the previous implementing agency of medicinal plants component)

for the F.Y. 2015-16 & 2016-17 to implement the medicinal plants activities of previous years. As per the State Govt. the SMPB will be implementing agency onwards 2017-18 and 2018-19.

#### **IV. TAMIL NADU**

**Dr. N. Mamavalan, Joint Director AYUSH, Tamil Nadu** in his presentation discussed the progress made by the State under National AYUSH Mission highlighting the different activities of NAM.

He stated that an amount of Rs. 54 Crores is lying unspent related to Infrastructure & recruitment of Manpower; where funds has been transferred to PWD for construction work and the amount of salary is pending for last 3 years because of court cases and now new posts has been sanctioned and notification has been made.

State has informed that medicines are being manufactured in their own pharmacies which are further supplied to all dispensaries. Also, State stated that 2,250 samples were tested last year and there are 22 drug inspectors in the State. They already have a State licensing authority and Commissioner will be the Drug Controlling officer for which notification has already been made.

An amount of Rs. 37 Crore is pending under Erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Development of AYUSH Hospitals & Dispensaries to which State has informed that a special auditing team has been appointed for settling the UCs and within six months timeline, it will be settled. In this regard, Dr. Suresh Kumar, Deputy Adviser (Ay.) has suggested that State has to submit the progress report of the same to the Ministry so that it can be reconciled with the sanction orders year wise & activity wise.

State of Tamil Nadu presented Yoga and Naturopathy Wellness programme to be implemented at Health and Wellness centres. It is informed by the State representative that 13 days of Yoga module has been developed by the state and Training is also being given to the village health Nurse. State also mentioned that in the State of Tamil Nadu allopathic doctors are also undergoing for the AYUSH related training. They have also developed the module for the allopathic doctors; Ministry has requested them to share their module for further strengthening of Yoga activities under HWCs. State has prepared detailed plan for the

operationalization of Health and Wellness Centres and presented only glimpses of the activities conducted under Yoga and Naturopathy activities.

Under Medicinal Plants Component, Sh. Vikram Singh, Deputy CEO, NMPB mentioned that State is not submitting any progress report suggesting further that progress reports are required to be submitted regularly to the Ministry of AYUSH.

## **V. TELANGANA**

**Dr. Alaguvarsini, Director (AYUSH), Telangana**, in her presentation discussed the progress made by the State under National AYUSH Mission highlighting the different activities of NAM.

With respect to expenditure of funds, State has informed that funds has not been received to the State Ayush Society from 2017-18 onwards. However, it has been assured to the Ministry that by this financial year, all the NAM funds would be released. State has also submitted UC of Rs. 13 Crore in the meeting.

State of Telangana gave detailed presentation on operationalization of Health and Wellness Centres. They informed that a total of 80 health facilities were proposed by the state for the health and Wellness Centres. Of which, one is sub-health centres, one CHC and 40 PHCs while remaining 38 are Ayush dispensaries. Another 60 more centres are ready for the upgradation of Health and Wellness Centres. State also mentioned that Tata –trust is helping for the IT related intervention and for the rolling out of Telemedicine in the state. It has also been mentioned that the CBAC survey of the individual above the age of 30 years is already been started. Dr. A. Raghu, Joint Adviser has suggested that as under ASHA/ANM training AYUSH strength has not been sufficiently covered therefore for development of HWCs new training module for ASHA/ANM needs to be incorporated for training. State has presented all the information as per the format given to the state but unable to provide the information about the inter-linkages with the Public Health department regarding linkages for the baseline date.

Dr. D.C. Katoch, Adviser (Ayurveda) has stated that there are more than 600 Manufacturing units in State and there are only 4 drug inspectors to which state has informed that they are appointing the Senior Medical Officer of every district in a particular system of AYUSH who will inspect the district wise pharmacies as state has rejected the idea of

expanding the cadre of drug inspectors. State has also informed that in each unit, additional director is the controlling authority.

The CEO, SMPB has suggested to develop the MSP for some important medicinal plant. JS(RJ) has suggested to take some legal action against the companies which don't purchase the raw material from farmers after having buy-back agreements.

## **VI. PUDUCHERRY**

**Dr. G. Sriramulu, Director Health Services, Puducherry**, in his presentation discussed the progress made by the UT under National AYUSH Mission highlighting the different activities of NAM.

It has been informed by the UT that the UC from 2016-17 onwards is pending. Out of the total pending amount, 60% is recurring which has been utilised by the UT and rest of the non-recurring amount has been transferred to PWD as advance for construction of two 50 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospital at Villianur and Yanam, the construction work of ground floor is under process at villianur and the foundation stone has been placed at yanam.

Under the financial achievement, UT has stated that under NAM, an amount of Rs. 6 crore has been sanctioned for construction of Govt. Ayurveda Medical College which is under process and an amount of Rs. 4.51 Crore has been utilised and accordingly UC will be submitted. With regard to it, JS (RJ) suggested that partial UCs can be submitted to the Ministry by the States/UTs. Also, under erstwhile centrally sponsored scheme of development of hospitals & dispensaries; UC for an amount of Rs. 4 crores is pending which needs to be settled at the earliest.

As far as medicinal plants are concerned, it has been informed by the UT that an amount of Rs. 2.9 lakhs was released in the year 2017-18 out of which an amount of Rs. 1 lakh was given as subsidy to farmers in the month jan, 2019 and cultivation is going on. Further, Rs. 13 Lakhs were released in the year 2018-19 however the funds has been received in the month of july this year only. The same amount will be transferred to the implementing agency.

UT presented that they have target of around 12 health facilities to be developed as Health and Wellness centres (9 sub-health centres and 3 dispensaries). Infrastructure work is going on for 9 sub-health centres and in 3 dispensaries, programme will be implemented this

month only. UT representative also mentioned that funds for the HWCs are yet not received. They are under process of recruitment of medical officer at sub-centre. Training for the NCDs is completed in Puducherry. Training for ASHAs and ANM in AYUSH is under process. UT did not mention about the plan for referral linkages.

UT has informed that there are 41 manufacturing units and all the drug inspectors are from allopathy side. Dr. Katoch, Adviser (Ay.) has suggested also that two AYUSH doctors may also be designated as Drug inspectors. Further, UT was suggested to appoint drug licensing authority and controlling authority.

## **VII. Andaman & Nicobar Islands**

**Dr. Kalyan P. Kadbhane, Deputy Director, AYUSH, Andaman & Nicobar Islands** in his presentation discussed the progress made by the UT under National AYUSH Mission highlighting the different activities of NAM.

An amount of Rs. 9 Lakhs was pending under Erstwhile Centrally sponsored scheme of Development of AYUSH Hospitals & dispensaries due to pendency of Audit and soon UCs will be submitted. Under National AYUSH Mission, UT has received an amount of Rs. 1166.814 lakhs. Out of which, an amount of Rs. 491.00 lakhs are unspent. As far as amount related to procurement of medicines is concerned, an amount of Rs. 1.19 Crore is pending as there is delay of supply of medicines from HOMCO to which official from HOMCO informed that Rs. 40 Crore is the production capacity per year and as far as UT is concerned, the matter has been dealt and out of placement order of an amount of Rs. 90 lakhs; supply of medicines for an amount of Rs. 60 lakhs has been done. JS (RJ) has suggested that State has to check the production capacity of manufacturing units and time limit by which medicines can be supplied before placing the orders so that unwanted delay in supply of medicines can be avoided.

Also, it was informed that phase 1 is started for construction of 50 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospital at port blair which was sanctioned in the SAAP of 2019-20. Work related to upgradation of dispensaries is also under process.

Nodal officer from UT presented a detailed plan of operationalization of Health and Wellness centres in island. A total of 6 sub-centres are proposed for the developing as health and Wellness centres. Nodal officer presented a detail informative presentation of the Status

of Man power, and also status of HWCs in the Island. He also mentioned that progresses of AYUSH HWC are in line with the existing health and wellness centres and coordination with the local health department has already been done. Training to the ASHAs and ANM is also under process. UT also mentioned that they have prepared the entire list to do the activities such as IT interventions, linkages, branding and handholding for the National Health Programme and are waiting for the approval and funds from the Central site. Once the funds received all the activities will be started. UT also mentioned about the referral linkages plan and also enlisted the facilities and its referral linkages. Nodal officer mentioned that the internet connectivity, procurement of computer on GeM portal, and essential medicine is the current challenging area on which work is going on. They have also mentioned that UT is awaiting approval from the Ministry for the procurement of medicine regarding HWCs.

Regarding drug control component, State has informed that as there is no drug testing laboratory in the UT, they have tied up with the State Govt. of Tamil Nadu and notification of DTL and drug analyst for sample testing is in final stage. UT has also taken up the matter of notifying Controlling Authority and Licensing Authority. They have one drug inspector in ASU and one in homeopathy and appointment of one additional drug inspector in ASU is under process.

With respect to Medicinal Plants Component, Forest Department is the nodal agency and they have developed one demonstration plot for around 120 plants under central sector scheme. However, under NAM Scheme they have not availed any funds but parallely State has sought funds under flexipool for development of medicinal plants garden at each PHCs and District hospitals.

## **VIII. Lakshadweep**

**Dr. Syed M. Koya, Senior Consultant, Lakshadweep**, in his presentation discussed the progress made by the UT under National AYUSH Mission highlighting the different activities of NAM.

With respect to proposed 50 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospital at Kavaratti, the UT representative informed that earlier they didn't have ownership right for the land as it was a pandaram land; therefore now a new land has been identified.



It has been informed that an amount of Rs. 762.699 lakhs has been received from the Ministry. Out of which an amount of Rs. 403.725 lakhs is unspent. Also, Utilisation Certificates amounting to Rs. 1.73 Crores are pending under Erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Development of Hospitals & dispensaries. State was suggested to expedite the process of submission of pending UCs at the earliest.

Under Drug Quality Control, State Licensing authority has not been appointed by the U.T Administration as there are no Drug manufacturing units in the UT.

At the end of session, Lakshadweep presented HWCs planning and operationalization in its area. UT has target of developing 3 dispensaries into Health and Wellness centres. UT also mentioned that isolation from the sub-continent, non-availability of private sector and transport facilities are few of areas of the challenges.

Secretary, Kerala has requested Ministry of AYUSH to provide some financial assistance to HOMCO. She thanked everyone for coming out together for the meeting and highlighted that they have learned innovative methods which will definitely help in development of AYUSH Sector.

The meeting was concluded with the observation that such type of interaction gives us an opportunity to introspect and take further actions to improve the performance. States have to take prompt & pro-active steps for smooth functioning of the scheme and reflect their issues to the Ministry without any hesitation. The States / UTs have to enhance their interaction and reporting with Ministry of AYUSH so that performance of NAM could be carried forward in a **Mission Mode**. It was advised to sincerely take follow up action on the points decided during the review meeting and Ministry would be regularly monitoring the progress in this regard. Following points were summarised for follow up action: -

- Strengthening of Administrative setup of AYUSH in States/UTs upto District / block level;
- Speedy utilization of funds / timely submission of UCs;
- Timely reporting of physical/financial progress on monthly / quarterly basis;
- Compliance to the conditionalities of the approved SAAP;

- Internal monitoring and evaluation of programme for impact assessment of scheme. Third Party Evaluation of works taken up in last 4 years and sharing the evaluation reports with Ministry;
- Streamline working of SMPBs for better performance;
- Strengthening of State pharmacies for availability of quality drugs on sustainable basis in AYUSH health facilities.
- Necessary steps are required to be taken for operationalization of HWCs.

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