

MINUTES for the Mission Directorate Meeting (Video Conference) of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) for the year 2020-21

1. The Mission Directorate Meeting (Through Video Conference) under National AYUSH Mission (NAM) for the year 2020-21 was held on dated, 11.12.2020 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, AYUSH, to review the status of operationalization of AYUSH Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) as approved during the year 2019-20 & 2020-21, to review the progress of different activities of State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) approved under National AYUSH Mission (NAM) of **Lakshadweep, Meghalaya, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Goa, Tripura, Jharkhand, Odisha, Punjab and Ladakh**. List of the participants is enclosed at **Annexure-I** in Attachments.

2. At the outset, Joint Secretary (AYUSH) welcomed the State /UT representatives to the Mission Directorate meeting. Thereafter Dr. A Raghu, Joint Advisor, (Ayurveda) briefed about the agenda items of the meeting. The Mission Directorate discussed the progress of AYUSH HWCs which was approved by Union Cabinet on 20.03.2020 to operationalize 12,500 Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) through National AYUSH Mission under Ayushman Bharat in a phased manner by 2023-24. The following important issues were highlighted during the meeting,
 - a) Operationalization of AYUSH HWCs which were approved in 2019-20 and 2020-21, is an important activities which is required to be taken forward urgently as the matters is being reviewed by the Cabinet and other higher authorities on a weekly basis. Therefore, the States/ UTs are required to take immediate necessary actions regarding operationalization of the approved AYUSH HWCs.
 - b) State / UT Government is requested to expedite the process of Utilization of balance amount of grant-in-aid as available with them against the previous years releases and furnish the UCs of the same to the Ministry at the earliest, so that further grant-in-aid may be provided to the State / UT as per the approval accorded to their State Annual Action Plan (SAAP). Accordingly, actual outcome of the National AYUSH Mission may be fulfilled.
 - c) With regard to transfer of funds from State treasury to State AYUSH Society along with matching Share, it is observed that many States/UTs after release of funds from

Ministry of AYUSH is not transferring this amount to implementing agencies alongwith State share. Needless to say that this will seriously affect the implementation of the programme on the ground and parking of funds at state treasury will hamper the outcome of the scheme. State / UT Government to be mapped all bank accounts of all implementing agencies in PFMS and use of Receipt-Expenditure-Advance-Transfer (REAT) module by registered agencies.

3. Secretary AYUSH enlightened the participants on the important of implementation AYUSH HWCs various activities of NAM and requested to expedite the implementation of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) scheme and try their best to utilize the grants which was approved in the previous years so that actual outcome of the scheme may be fulfilled. In addition to that Secretary appreciated the States on various activities done for pandemic COVID-19. Further, Secretary (AYUSH) has also highlighted various activities conducted by Ministry of AYUSH during the time of Covid-19. Secretary (AYUSH) appreciated the efforts made by many States /UTs to combat this Covid-19 crises by deploying the AYUSH manpower and distribution of preventive and immune -boosting medicines in the Containment Zones. Further, a large number of case studies have been conducted in many States / UTs on AYUSH medicines for prophylaxis and treatment of Covid -19 with promising outcomes. The mobile app developed by Ministry of AYUSH Sanjivani App has also shown immense response from public on beneficial effects of AYUSH remedies for Immunity boosting. The capacity shown by the State / UTs during Covid -19 will further enhance their capabilities in implementing the programmes envisaged under National AYUSH Mission.
4. Chief Executive Officer (CEO), National Medicinal Plant Board (NMPB) highlighted that earlier the proposal of Medicinal Plant under NAM which was differed due to proposed new Scheme of Vraksha Ayush. Since, at present the Vraksha Ayush component is yet to be approved in 2020-21, the proposal of Medicinal Plants may be considered by Mission Directorate for those States / UTs which have utilized more than 75 % of total overall released grant. List is enclosed as **Annexure –II**.
5. Drug Policy Cell highlighted the issues and concerns of Quality Control of ASU & H Drugs in the States /UTs. He also emphasized the need of having qualified ASU Licensing

authorities in the States/UTs. He mentioned that licensing, manufacturing, marketing, enforcement etc. all these issues regarding regulations of quality control of ASU&H drugs comes under the preview of respective State Govts. Therefore, States/UTs have to focus on it and seek financial assistance as per the provision of NAM scheme for strengthening of enforcement mechanism of State Govt. States are required to appoint qualified Drug Inspector for enforcement of regulatory provisions and Analyst for the drug testing laboratory. He has raised his concern regarding misleading advertisement which has been uploaded in Grievances against Misleading Advertisements (GAMA) Portal administered by Department of Consumer affairs. Further, he has mentioned that States / UTs are requested to send the name of Nodal Officers so that representation of misleading advertisement may also be forwarded to him to resolve the issue. States /UTs are also requested to provide the list of GMP drugs manufacturing unit available and functioning in their States.

6. As per information received from State/ UT Govt. a detailed power point presentation has been carried out by Dr. Raghu (Joint Advisor), highlighting the current Status of HWCs, progress of expenditure & also highlighted the way forward to be taken by the State Govt for better implementation of NAM & HWC.
7. Following issues of **Rajasthan** has been discussed during the meeting:-

For AYUSH Health & Wellness Centers:-

500 AYUSH HWC were approved during the year 2020-21. An amount of Rs. 1138.20 lakh was released during the year 2020-21 for 500 AYUSH HWCs. It is observed that funds have not been released from State treasury. It is also observed that training of 365 CHOs has been completed and recruitment of Yoga instructors started. Signing of MoU with Health department of State, recruitment of CHO, recruitment of Yoga instructor, infrastructure branding, herbal garden establishment, procurement of IT equipments are not carried out by the State Government.

8. **Ratification of activities of SAAP of Rajasthan:-** State Government has submitted the SAAP for Rs. 9955.89 Lakhs. Accordingly, Mission Directorate discussed the State Annual Action Plan of Rajasthan for ratification which was considered for Rs. 3794.00 Lakhs.

Summary sheet of Resource indicated and Proposal received from State of Rajasthan for the year 2020-21

Components	Eligible Resource Pool Including State Share (Rs. in Lakhs)	Proposal received through SAAP (Rs. in Lakhs)	Recommendations of the Appraisal Committee and Approval of Mission Directorate
(A)Admin Cost	219.30	334.03	0.00
(B) Flexi Pool (20%)	1398.20	51.48	0.00
(C)Core Activities (80%)		0	0.00
(i)AYUSH Services	4328.40	3264.01	0.00
(ii) AYUSH Health & Wellness Centres		5065.00	5065.00 (including reappropriation of Rs. 1271.00 lakhs)
(iii)AYUSH Education Institutions	144.30	300.00	
(iv) Quality control of ASU & H Drugs.	287.50	486.70	
(iv) Medicinal Plants	832.80	454.67	
Total	7282.50	9955.89	3794.00 lakhs (5065.00-1271.00) { Rs. 2276.00 lakhs as central share and Rs. 1518.00 lakhs as State share }

Central share Rs. 1138.20 lakhs have been released for AYUSH HWCs during the year 2020-21

9. Action required to be taken by State :-

- i) State is required to take immediate steps regarding utilization of unspent amount lying with them for timely completion of different approved activities and better outcome of the Centrally Sponsored scheme of NAM.
- ii) State Government is requested to expedite the process of Utilization of balance amount of grant-in-aid as available with them against the previous years releases and furnish the UCs of the same to the Ministry at the earliest. Accordingly, actual outcome of the National AYUSH Mission may be fulfilled.
- iii) State Government is requested to monitor the activity wise status of utilization of funds and if they observe that utilization of grant is not possible in a particular activity then the said amount may be refunded to the Government of India, so that unwanted parking of funds may be avoided.
- iv) Ensure Optimum implementation of PFMS immediately upto grass root level which is a very important tool, as prescribed in the GFR-2017, for ensuring the financial progress.
- v) State has to ensure the implementation of NAM portal for submission of Physical and financial progress report, Utilization certificates and information pertaining to DBT as well as MIS through the portal in the time bound manner.
- vi) As per guidelines of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India, issued vide D.O. No. 25 (13) / E. Coord/2020 dated 4thMay, 2020 (Copy enclosed) regarding Financial Management Guidelines for Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes for the financial year 2020-21, Ministry must follow the provisions of Rule 232 (v) to (vii) of General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017 which mandates, *inter alia*, that before releasing funds to the State Governments or Union Territories, it must be ensured they have the capacity to actually spend the balance from the previous year and releases made during the current year.
- vii) State Government is requested to withdraw the released matching State / UT Share from treasury to State AYUSH Society and take immediate steps regarding utilization of funds and early operationalization of approved AYUSH HWCs and this information may be provided to the Ministry of AYUSH, so that the balance of approved central share (50%) may also be released to the State / UT Government (if applicable).
- viii) State Government is requested to strengthen the Programme Management Unit (PMU) for better and smooth implementation of the NAM Scheme. Further, it is also required that needful exercise has to be carried out regarding extension/ appointment of PMU Staff as per the revised guidelines issued vide letter No. Z.28015/20/2018-H & D Cell dated 04.05.2020, so that qualified, skilled and experienced person may be deployed under PMU and effective coordination may be carried out by them with officials of the State / UT Government as well as Ministry for better & smooth implementation of the Scheme.
- ix) MoU to be signed between AYUSH and Health Dept. at earliest for operationalization of AYUSH HWCs.
- x) State Government is requested to appointment of the Yoga instructors may be done from the local area for smooth functioning of Yoga related activities in proposed AYUSH HWCs.

- xi) State Government is requested furnish the latest status along with photographs of construction work with respect to the major activities like 50 Bedded Integrated AYUSH Hospitals, New AYUSH Education Institutes, Drug Testing laboratories, ASU & H pharmacies.
- xii) If any facility has been upgraded with the assistance as availed under NAM both photographs i.e. before upgradation & after upgradation is required to be provided along with progress report.
- xiii) State Government is required to analyze the expenditure on monthly basis, so that current position of expenditure may be updated.
- xiv) State has to complete the following activities for operationalization of AYUSH HWC as approved in the year 2019-20.
 - Branding related work must be completed.
 - Deployment of CHOs in HWCs.
 - Ensure availability of medicines in HWCs.
 - Deployment of yoga instructors.
 - Signing of MoU with Health Department.
 - Ensure availability of Herbal Garden in HWCs.
 - Ensure availability of Lab Services in HWCs.
 - Ensure availability of IT Services in HWCs.
 - Status of laptop / Desktop purchase.
- xv) The functional status of approved AYUSH HWCs for following criteria may also be ensured:-
 - Training of CHOs must be done
 - Training of Yoga Instructor/s must be done
 - Training of ASHAs / ANMs must be done
 - OPD must be started
 - Family Empanelment must be started
 - Yoga Sessions must be started
 - Awareness about of medicinal plant to the community.
 - Team receiving performance based incentives
 - Prakruti Parikshan (18+ age population)
 - CBAC Survey must be started
- xvi) Report in Form-2 & Form-3(1) & (2) is required to be submitted in time bound manner to the Ministry.

State specific Issues:- Rajasthan:

- a) NAM Directorate did not considered SAAP for medicinal plants component of National AYUSH Mission (NAM) for the F.Y. 2020-21.

- b) SMPB may submit the progress report and UC to Ministry of AYUSH through State AYUSH Society from the F.Y. 2017-18 to 2019-20 under medicinal plants component.
- c) RSMPB may also submit the cluster information alongwith photographs of activities carried out under NAM.

Annexure-I

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