



NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS ELIMINATION PROGRAMME (NTEP)



INNOVATIVE MODEL OF DBT UNDER NIKSHAY POSHAN YOJANA FOR TB PATIENTS FROM TAMIL NADU

BACKGROUND

The Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) component of the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) has been implemented by the Government of India for financial assistance to patients, healthcare providers and treatment supporters.

Many states have chosen to do the generate print payment advise (PPA) from PFMS at either the district level or block level.

INNOVATION

The state of Tamil Nadu decided to transfer approval authority from district to state level in 2019. This reduced the delay of approval across districts.

Tamilnadu being one of the states whose TB programme is being funded by World Bank and implementation of Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) for DBT schemes being one of the important indicators, the State wanted to utilize this opportunity to advocate for the DBT schemes in TB programme.

With DBT approval authority at State level, it was easier and relatively hassle-free process to move from PPA based approvals to DSC based approval.

OBSERVATIONS

1. Centralization of the DBT approval :

- Low turnover time between approval of benefits and payment of benefits to beneficiary.
- DBT specific funds do not lie in unused pockets at District level accounts
- Fewer approvers for whole state, and no need for separate approvers for each district/block.
- Performance of the whole state is only dependent on funds being available at one account.
- Minimised administrative and financial communication between state and district for DBT troubleshooting. eg- PPAs had a validity of fixed days validity – so timely approval from at least 2 physical agencies had to be obtained, transfers/retirement/leave of signatories at district may pile up files, insufficient funds for payment.

2. Adoption of DSC at state level

- DSC was adopted quickly in Tamil Nadu due to a single centralized procurement process.
- Use of DSCs had led to almost nil paperwork and is eco-friendly approach.
- Direct approval by JD TB and state accounts officer using DSC allowing better operational logistics – no need to meet multiple authorities for approval.

RESULTS

In DBT Dashboard of Nikshay, it is seen that on 29/09/2020, national level payment of at least one payment of NPY (for Jan-June,2020) is 61%, but for Tamil Nadu it is much higher at 78%. There is potential to replicate same model in other states and is feasible under programme setting with no additional cost.

OTHER STATES

STATE LEVEL PFMS

STATE PFMS

DISTRICT PFMS

BLOCK PFMS

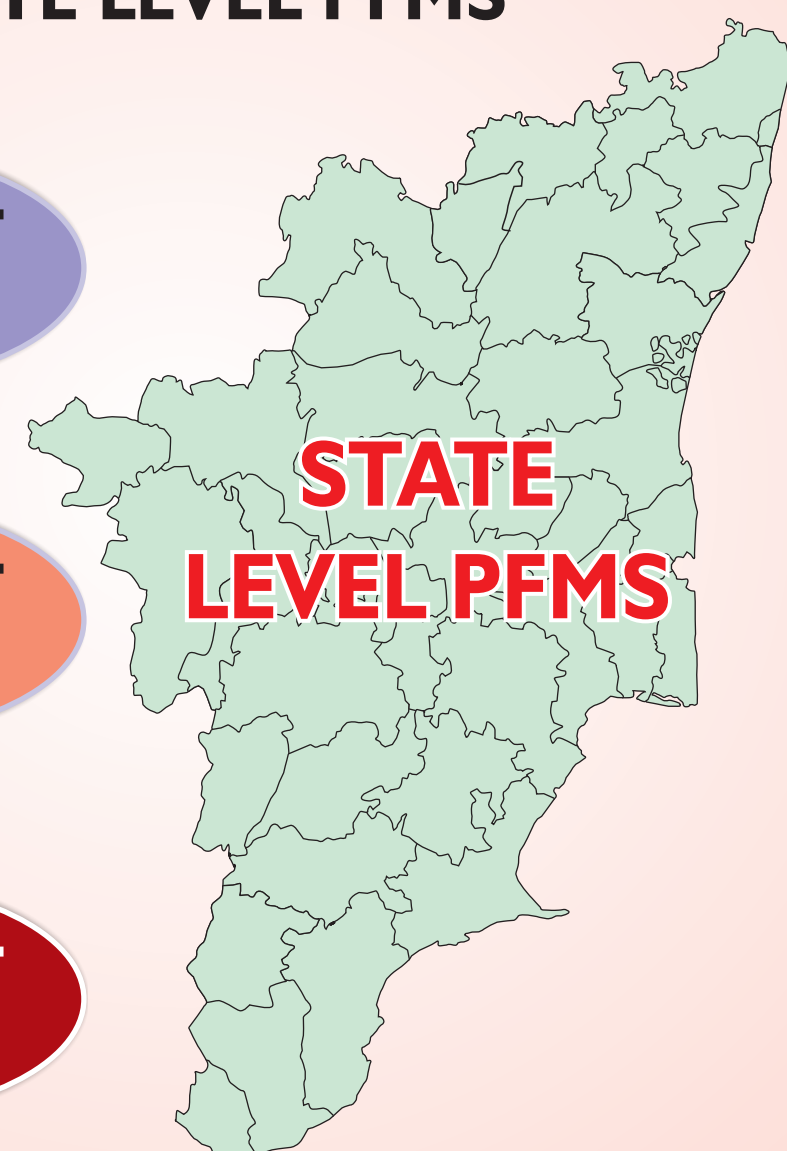
TAMIL NADU

STATE LEVEL PFMS

DISTRICT 1

DISTRICT 2

DISTRICT 3



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