

**Record of Deliberations of National Level Committee (NLC) Meeting for the appraisal of proposals from States on FC-XV Health Grants through Local Governments (FY 21-22 to 25-26) held on 8.10.2021.**

**Meeting No. 1/2021-22**

**RoD No.7(20)/2020-NHM-I dated 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**

1. The First meeting of the National Level Committee under the chairpersonship of Secretary, HFW, constituted for the appraisal of proposals from the States under *15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission (FC-XV) Health Grants through Local Governments* (vide order dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 - Order Copy Enclosed) was held on 8<sup>th</sup> co-Chaired by Additional Secretary & Mission Director, NHM, MoHFW with representatives from Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), and duly attended Additional Chief secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary (Health) from the States. From the MoHFW, Joint Secretary (Policy), Joint Secretary (NUHM) and Joint Secretary (PH) have attended along with Directors of NHM and State NHM Consultants. AS&MD welcomed all the participants in the meeting joined through physical or virtual mode. Out of 28 States, proposals from 20 States have been received and accordingly, first NLC meeting appraised the proposals received from 20 States.

2. Initially, Joint Secretary (Policy) made a presentation on the various provisions under FC-XV Health Grants through Local Governments and detailed about the DoE's Guidance Note sent on 16<sup>th</sup> July and Addendum on 8<sup>th</sup> September and also, about the Technical and Operational Guidelines dated 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. Later the proposals from the States were appraised one after and another, duly discussing with the respective ACS/PS/Secretary (Health) and / Mission Director, NHM of the State.

3. The key deliberations and actionable points of the meeting are given below

- i. States such as Tamil Nadu, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Kerala, Arunachal Pradesh, etc have requested for the re-appropriation of grants among the components, as there are unlikely expenditure in certain components (Andhra Pradesh - component of Buildingless SHCs, etc / Arunachal Pradesh - Diagnostic Infrastructure component /

- Kerala – Buildingless SHCs component) . In this regard, it is clarified to the States that the issue of re-appropriation of grants among the components was taken up with DoE but the DoE has not considered the same. Further, AS&MD clarified that the States may send the specific proposals on the necessity of the re-appropriation, detailing the local circumstances with detailed justification, to take up the issue with DoE again.
- ii. AS&MD had emphasized that States have to ensure that there is no duplication of funding from 15<sup>th</sup> FC Grant and NHM for a healthcare facility, for a particular component / activity under FC-XV Grants. JS Policy has further elaborated that the States have to update the details of sanctions under FC-XV Grants in the NHM-PMS portal duly mapping the facilities, which are being approved under each component of the FC-XV Grants within 15 days of the receipt of the approval of the proposals. This will ensure that there is no duplication of support from various other funding sources such as schemes such as PMASBY and NHM for the same facility for the same activity. Necessary orientation will be organized to the State teams, in this regard.
  - iii. States were requested to ensure that they submit proposals for the entire health grants allotted for this FY so that State will get the allocation fully.
  - iv. AS&MD had further clarified that States can take up more number units for the components involving the infrastructure works such as Buildingless SHCs, PHCs, etc, / Diagnostic Infrastructure (non-recurring capital type) at SHCs, PHCs and Urban PHCs / establishment of Urban Health and Wellness Centres / BPHUs as per the required unit cost rate. Approval will be accorded for the total amount and grants available in this FY 21-22 will be fully allocated and remaining to be accounted for from next FY 22-23 health grants. This will ensure effective planning at State/District/Block level and enable better implementation.
  - v. To issue the State specific Records of Proceedings (RoPs) to convey the approval of proposals of 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission (FC-XV) Health Grants through Local Governments, States are instructed to share the Additional Formats requested vide e-mail communication dated 2.10.2021. This will also ensure the release of the funds by the States to respective state level / district level agencies and corresponding local bodies. AS&MD further clarified that States have to ensure the release of grants within 15 days to the concerned State/District implementing agencies and Local

