

Record of Deliberations of National Level Committee (NLC) Meeting for appraisal of the proposals from the States on FC-XV Health Grants through Local Governments (FY 2021-22 to 2025-26) held on 02.11.2021.

Meeting No. 2/2021-22

RoD No.7 (20)/2020-NHM-I dated 02nd November 2021

1. The second meeting of the National Level Committee under the chairpersonship of Secretary, HFW, constituted for the appraisal of proposals from the States under *15th Finance Commission (FC-XV) Health Grants through Local Governments* (vide Order dated 22nd March 2021 - copy enclosed) was held on 02nd November, 2021 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 by Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary (Health) from the States. From MoHFW, AS & FA and Joint Secretary (Policy) attended along with Directors of NHM and State NHM Consultants. AS&MD (NHM) welcomed all the participants in the meeting joined through physical or virtual mode. The proposals from 9 States had been received and accordingly, second NLC meeting appraised the proposals received from 9 States. The proposals from 19 States were appraised and approved during the first NLC meeting held on 09th October, 2021.
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 16th July, 2021 and Addendum on 8th September, 2021 and also, about the Technical and Operational Guidelines dated 31st 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. The States such as Tripura, Kerala, Nagaland, etc. had requested for re-appropriation of grants among the components, as there is unlikely expenditure in certain components (e.g. Tripura – Urban component / Kerala – Building less 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 DoE had

not considered the same. Further, AS&MD (NHM) clarified that the States may send the specific proposals on the necessity of re-appropriation, detailing the local circumstances with detailed justification, to take up the issue with DoE again. The State of Tripura and Kerala proposed to submit revised proposal for certain components (such as Building less, BPHUs, Urban components for re-appropriation) as per deliberations in the meeting at the earliest.

- ii. AS&MD (NHM) had emphasized that the States have to ensure that there is no duplication of funding from 15th FC Grant and NHM for a healthcare facility, for a particular component / activity under FC-XV Grants. JS (Policy) 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. The States were requested to ensure that they submit proposals for the entire health grants allotted for current FY so that the State will get and utilize the allocation fully.
- iv. To issue the State Specific Records of Proceedings (RoPs) to convey the approval of proposals of *15th Finance Commission (FC-XV) Health Grants through Local Governments*, the States were instructed to share the Additional Formats requested vide e-mail communication dated 02.10.2021. 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 (NHM) further clarified that the States have to ensure the release of grants within 15 days to the concerned State/District implementing agencies and Local Bodies after receipt of funds; otherwise the interest on the amount lying will be borne by the respective State Government.

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