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Government of India Ministry of Tribal Affairs (Tribal Health Cell)

Jeevan Tara Building, New Delhi Dated:)5.07.2025

Subject: Minutes of meeting for approval of the budget for ASHA Honorarium on Awareness Generation and Counselling on Sickle Cell Disease -reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the above-mentioned subject and to forward the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11.07.2025 at 1.00 PM under the chairpersonship of Shri Manish Thakur, Additional Secretary, MoTA, for kind information and appropriate action.

This is issued with the approval of competent authority.

Ramesh Chand Chandrawal)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

Enc: As above

To

1. Principal Secretary/Secretary TWD (Assam and Jharkhand)

2. Principal Secretary/Secretary Health Department (Assam and Jharkhand)

3. State MD NHM (Assam and Jharkhand)

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Minutes of the Meeting

Meeting for approval of the budget for ASHA Honorarium on Awareness Generation and Counselling on Sickle Cell Disease

A meeting for approval of Budget for ASHA Honorarium on Awareness Generation and Counselling on Sickle Cell Disease was held on 11.07.2025 at 1.00 PM under the chairpersonship of Shri Manish Thakur, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs through VC mode in the Room No. 740, A Wing, 7th floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

(List of participants is annexed as Annexure I)

1. At the outset, DS MoTA welcomed all participants from TWD & Health dept. of Government of Assam and Jharkhand and informed the Chair about the agenda of the meeting, as given below:

Consideration of proposals for ASHA honorarium for the State of Assam and Jharkhand; for follow up and counselling visits of SCD patients and carriers, which was sent directly to MoTA by the respective state health departments.

- 2. Under the Dharti Aaba- Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA), MoTA proposes to undertake awareness generation & counselling on Sickle Cell Anaemia disease through follow up visits of the patients and carriers by ASHA. The scheme guidelines prescribe an honorarium of Rs. 100 per patient/carrier for ASHA to carry out follow-up visit and counselling.
- **2.1 Assam:** The health department had submitted a proposal for budget for ASHA honorarium for 53 SCD patients and 1732 carriers identified by the state. A total budget of Rs. 1.785 lakhs was sought for the purpose of honorarium to ASHA for follow up of these people. TWD, Assam had concurred with the proposal.
- **2.2 Jharkhand:** The health department had submitted a proposal for budget for ASHA honorarium for 1986 SCD patients and 2997 carriers identified by the state. A total budget of Rs. 4.98 lakhs was sought for the purpose of honorarium to ASHA for follow up of these people. TWD, Jharkhand had concurred with the proposal.
- **2.3** Accordingly, the following amounts were approved for ASHA Honorarium by the Committee:

S.no	State	SCD	SCD carrier	Total (SCD Carriers)	Final Approved + amount (Rs. In Lakhs)
1	Assam	53	1732	1785	1.79
2	Jharkhand	1986	2997	4983	4.98
Total		2039	4729	6768	6.77

Further, as and when these states undertake more screening and identify more patients and carriers, they can come back to the Ministry for additional budget.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to all the participants.

Annexure I

List of participants (MoTA)

- 1. Shri Manish Thakur, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- 2. Dr. Raji N. S, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- 3. Shri Ramesh Chand Chandrawal, Under Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- 4. Ms. Naureen Shahid, Consultant, Ministry of Tribal Affairs

List of participants from States

- 1. Dr. Lakshmanan S, MD NHM, Assam
- 2. Shri Partha Saika, State Community Mobilizer, NHM, Assam
- 3. Shri Udayaditya Gagoi, Director TWD Assam
- 4. Ms. Jaya Rechal, Deputy Secretary, TWD Jharkhand
- 5. Ms. Shipra Das, Consultant, Blood Cell, Jharkhand