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

Jeevan Tara Building
New Delhi-01
Dated: 17/07/2025

Subject: Meeting minutes on Budget Approval for AHSA honorarium on Awareness Generation and Counselling on Sickle Cell Disease and PAC meeting on modification of CoC approval of AIIMS Nagpur, Maharashtra -reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the above-mentioned subject and to forward the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24/06/2025 at 02.00 pm under the chairpersonship of Shri Manish Thakur, Additional Secretary, MoTA, for kind information and appropriate action.

2. This has the approval of the Competent Authority

Yours sincerely

21/7/2025

(Ramesh Chand Chandrawal)
Under Secretary

Enc: As above

To:

1. Principal Secretary/Secretary State TWD (Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Assam, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra)
2. Principal Secretary/Secretary State Health Department (Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Assam, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra)
3. State MD NHM (Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Assam, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra)

List of PAC Members (CoC AIIMS Nagpur):

1. Bureau Head, THC, MoTA
2. JS&FA, MoTA
3. Secretary TWD, Maharashtra
4. Secretary MoHFW - (representative of MoHFW)
5. Secretary of State Health Department, Maharashtra - (representative of State Health Department, Maharashtra)
6. Executive Director AIIMS Nagpur - (Representative not below the rank of Professor of the Medical Institution proposing the CoC)
7. Deputy Secretary, THC, MoTA

Copy to:

1. PS to AS (MT)
2. All Participants

Minutes of the Meeting

Meeting for approval of the budget for ASHA Honorarium on Awareness Generation and Counselling on Sickle Cell Disease and PAC meeting on reallocation of fund of CoC AIIMS Nagpur, Maharashtra proposal

A meeting for approval of Budget for ASHA Honorarium on Awareness Generation and Counselling on Sickle Cell Disease and PAC meeting on modification of CoC approval of Maharashtra was held on 24.06.2025 at 2.00pm under the chairpersonship of Shri Manish Thakur, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs through VC mode in his chamber in the Room No. 740, A Wing, 7th floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

(List of participants is annexed as Annexure I)

At the outset, DS MoTA welcomed all participants from the States. DS MoTA informed the Chair about the agenda of the meeting, as given below:

1. CoC AIIMS Nagpur, Maharashtra proposal for change in the equipment for CoC granted earlier; and
2. Consideration of proposals for ASHA honorarium; for follow up and counselling visits of SCD patients and carriers.

1. **Proposal of CoC to change the previously sanctioned list of equipment:** The CoC in the state of Maharashtra was sanctioned at AIIMS Nagpur, by the PAC held on 27.11.2024. The said PAC had sanctioned the machines of HPLC, DNA extraction equipment and Iso-electric focus equipment. However, now the state government has made a request that in place of iso-electric focus equipment three other different equipment, (thermal cycle, spectrophotometer and Gel Electrophoresis) may be sanctioned. The cost of the three newly proposed equipment is equal to the cost of iso-electric focus equipment ie Rs 15 lakhs. The details of the request are given below:

Equipment	Cost approved as per CoC guideline	Request by the state government
Thermal Cycle	3-6 lakhs	6 lakhs
Spectrophotometer	3.5-5 lakhs	4.5 lakhs
Gel Electrophoresis	2-5 lakhs	4.5 lakhs
	Total	15.0 lakhs

The PAC noted that the newly requested are eligible as per the CoE Guidelines of MoH&FW and hence are allowable under the Dharti Abha guidelines for CoC. Accordingly the PAC gave approval to the proposal of state of Maharashtra.

2. Proposals for budget for ASHA honorarium:

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. Proposals received from 7 states (Assam, Jharkhand Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal) were placed before the PAC.

2.1. **Assam:** It was noted that the proposal for the budget for ASHA honorarium was directly sent by the State Health Department. The state had submitted through Health Department and the PAC directed the state to route the proposal through TWD.

The state further informed that the procurement for the CoC at Assam Medical college is at the last stage and a portion of the equipment are already procured. The Chair appreciated the timely efforts of the state government and asked all other states to reach out to Assam for any help required in respect of procurement for CoC.

2.2. **Maharashtra:** The state government made a short presentation and informed that so far 21,000 patients and 1,61,000 carriers are identified in the state. A total budget of Rs 182.00 lakhs was sought for the purpose of honorarium to ASHA for follow up of these people. The PAC noted that the request of the state government is in accordance to the scheme guidelines and approved the proposed budget.

2.3. **Odisha:** The state government made a short presentation and informed that the state had started undertaking screening tests even before the launch of National Mission to eliminate sickle cell anaemia. It was further informed that so far 91,906 patients and 3,64,589 carriers are identified in the state. A total budget of Rs 456.495 lakhs was sought for the purpose of honorarium to ASHA for follow up of these people. The PAC noted that the request of the state government is in accordance to the scheme guidelines and approved the proposed budget..

2.4. **Rajasthan:** The state government made a short presentation and informed that so far 2709 patients and 8384 carriers are identified in the state. A total budget of Rs 11.093 lakhs was sought for the purpose of honorarium to ASHA for follow up of these people. The PAC noted that the request of the state government is in accordance to the scheme guidelines and approved the proposed budget.

It was learnt that the state has not started the procurement process for purchasing equipment in CoC, the Chair directed the state government to take up the matter on priority basis and issue the tender immediately.

2.5. **Tamil Nadu:** The state government made a short presentation and informed that so far 431 patients and 5309 carriers are identified in the state. A total budget of Rs 5.74 lakhs was sought for the purpose of honorarium to ASHA for follow up of these people. The PAC noted that the request of the state government is in accordance to the scheme guidelines and approved the proposed budget.

2.6. **West Bengal:** The state government made a short presentation and informed that so far 879 patients and 3517 carriers are identified in the state. A total budget of Rs 4.396 lakhs was sought for the purpose of honorarium to ASHA for follow up of these people. The PAC noted that the request of the state government is in accordance to the scheme guidelines and approved the proposed budget.

2.7. **Jharkhand:** It was noted that the proposal for the budget for ASHA honorarium was directly sent by the State Health Department. The state government was directed to route the proposal through TWD.

2.8. Accordingly, the following amounts were sanctioned for ASHA Honorarium:

S.no	State	SCD	SCD carrier	Total (SCD + Carriers)	Final Approved amount (Rs. In Lakhs)
1	Maharashtra	21,000	1,61,000	1, 82,000	182.00
2	Rajasthan	2709	8384	11,093	11.093
3	West Bengal	879	3517	4396	4.396
4	Odisha	91906	364589	456495	456.495
5	Tamil Nadu	431	5309	5740	5.74
Total		116925	542799	659724	659.724

3. Besides honorarium for ASHA, West Bengal State had proposed for additional budget for training of ASHAs. It was informed to the State government that the Ministry had already sanctioned budget of Rs.15.00 lakhs to the State for Training of Trainer of health care workers.

4. It was clarified that as and when these States undertake more screening and identify more patients and carriers, they can come back to the Ministry for additional budget.

5. A review of the status of establishment of CoC was also done, all the States were requested to prioritize the establishment of CoCs, the chair appreciated the efforts of Assam and Maharashtra for their pro-activeness for the tendering process.

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. Ms. R. Mythili, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
4. Ms. Priya Hitaishi, Ministry of Tribal Affairs

List of participants from States

1. Dr. Prasant P. Joshi, Director, AIIMS, Nagpur, Maharashtra
2. Dr. Meenakshi Girish, Professor and Head, Dept of Pediatrics, AIIMS Nagpur
3. Dr. Puri, Additional Director, Health Department, Maharashtra
4. Shri V Bedre, Deputy Secretary Public Health Maharashtra
5. Dr Anupam Dutta, Associate Professor, Assam Medical College and Hospital, Assam
6. Mr. Pratha Saika, State Community Mobilizer, NHM, Assam
7. Dr John F Kennedy, Deputy Director , Blood Cell, Jharkhand,
8. Ms. Jaya Rechal, Deputy Secretary, TWD, Jharkhand
9. Ms. Shipra Das Sinha, Blood Cell, Jharkhand
10. Dr. Shanty, Expert Advisor, Health Cell , Tamil Nadu
11. Mr. Mahesh Singh, Consultant, Health Cell, Tamil Nadu
12. Shri Santosh Kumar, Deputy Director, TRI, Odisha,
13. Dr. Dinbandho Sahoo, Team Leader, SHSRC, NHM, Odisha
14. Dr. Madhu Rateshwar, Director, RCH, NHM, Rajasthan
15. Dr. Mahavir Saini, State Nodal Officer, Blood Cell , NHM, Rajasthan
16. Shri Anurag Bhatnagar, Joint Director, TWD, Rajasthan
17. Ms. Brijit Suchita Kujur, Joint Secretary, Health Department, West Bengal
18. Dr. Nidhi Gwalre, Nodal Officer, NHM, Chhattisgarh