

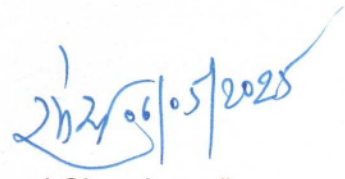
**F No. 3/1/2023-THC(Part-I) (Comp. No. 25929)**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
(Tribal Health Cell)

Jeevan Tara Building, New Delhi- 110001  
Dated: 06.05.2025

**Subject:** Minutes of the Meeting held on 1.05.2025 for approval of the budget for Training of Trainers and ASHA Honorarium on Awareness Generation and Counselling on Sickle Cell Disease

The undersigned is directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and to forward the Minutes of the Meeting for kind information and appropriate action.

2. This has the approval of the competent authority.

  
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## **Minutes of the Meeting**

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

A meeting for approval of Budget for Training of Trainers and ASHA Honorarium was held on 1.05.2025 at 3.00pm under the chairpersonship of Shri T. Roumuan Paite, Joint Secretary and CMD NSTFDC, Ministry of Tribal Affairs through VC mode in the Ministry's Conference Room 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

#### **(List of participants is annexed at Annexure I)**

At the outset, DS MoTA welcomed all participants from the states. JS (RP) in his inaugural address highlighted the need for focussed action from all stakeholders to achieve the targets of the Mission to Eliminate Sickle Cell Anaemia by 2047. He congratulated all those states who had already completed the training program for health workers at all levels on awareness generation and counselling on SCD, and urged the remaining states to complete the same at the earliest.

DS MoTA informed the Chair about the agenda of the meeting, as given below:

1. Allocation of budget for organizing the Training of Trainers (ToT) for Awareness generation and Counselling on SCD, including training at state, district, block, and PHC levels, extending up to ASHAs and other frontline health workers.
2. Budget estimation of ASHA honorarium; for SCD follow up and counselling visit from the states

#### **On Agenda No. 1:**

It was informed to the Chair that the National Mission on SCD is being implemented in 365 districts in 17 states, as on date. Since the number of training programs to be organized in a state will depend on the number of districts where the Mission is applicable, it would be appropriate to decide the budget based on the number of districts under the Mission in each state. At the same time, every state needs to organize a state level training program irrespective of the number of districts. In this background, it is also decided that a minimum budget has to be given to all states.

In the foregoing, it was proposed that the following criteria may be adopted to decide the budget allocation to each state:

<b>No of districts under the Mission</b>	<b>Name of the states falling under the category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
States having upto 10 districts	Bihar, Karnataka, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh	8 Lakhs
States having 10-20 districts	Gujarat, Telangana, Uttarakhand	12 Lakhs
States having more than 20 districts	Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal	15 Lakhs

Based on the above-mentioned criteria, the following state wise allocation of budget was approved:

**State wise Budget Allocated for Training of Trainers**

<b>S.no</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>No of Districts</b>	<b>Budget (Lakhs)</b>
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	26	15
2	ASSAM	33	15
3	BIHAR	6	8
4	CHHATTISGARH	33	15
5	GUJARAT	14	12
6	JHARKHAND	24	15
7	KARNATAKA	7	8
8	KERALA	3	8
9	MADHYA PRADESH	47	15
10	MAHARASHTRA	21	15
11	ODISHA	30	15
12	RAJASTHAN	26	15
13	TAMIL NADU	38	15
14	TELANGANA	14	12
15	UTTAR PRADESH	7	8
16	UTTARAKHAND	13	12
17	WEST BENGAL	23	15
	<b>Total</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>218</b>

It was further clarified that the above-mentioned amount is exclusively for the training of health care workers. The

## **On Agenda No 2.**

Under the Dharti Aaba- Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA), 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. The meeting considered the proposals of 6 states (Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Telangana). All the above-mentioned states made presentations in the meeting, highlighting the total number of screening tests conducted as on date, number of sickle cell patients and the number of traits.

Accordingly, the following amounts were sanctioned for ASHA Honorarium:

<b>S.no</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>SCD</b>	<b>SCD trait</b>	<b>Total (SCD + Carriers)</b>	<b>Final Approved amount (Rs. In Lakhs)</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	2099	19549	21,648	21.64
2	Karnataka	576	4676	5252	5.25
3	Kerala	1510	4794	6304	6.3
4	Gujarat	26,037	5,96,818	62285	622.85
5	Madhya Pradesh	28,538	2,01,568	230106	230.1
6	Telangana	763	5715	6478	6.47
<b>Total</b>		<b>59523</b>	<b>833120</b>	<b>892643</b>	<b>892.61</b>

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. The remaining states were urged to send the proposals for the Budget for ASHA Honorarium by 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

**Other Key DiscussionPoints:**A review of the status of establishment of CoC was also done, it was seen that only the states of Assam and Maharashtra have issued tender for the procurement of equipment of CoC. JS (RP) appreciated the efforts of Assam TWD and Health Department for their progress in receiving

budget under Dharti Abha scheme and also in issuing the tender. DS (MOTA) informed that funds for the establishment of Centers of Competence (CoCs) have already been released to Assam, Tamil Nadu, and Odisha under DA scheme. It is expected that all other states will also receive the budget immediately, as and when they complete the SNA marking of the new accounts. The Health Department were once again urged to inform the State Tribal Welfare Department (TWD) in writing about the channel of fund release for CoC, enabling the TWDs to release funds immediately.

The state of Madhya Pradesh informed that the two CoCs sanctioned under the “Proviso to Article 275 (1) did not have any provision for consumables. The state was advised to submit separate proposals for the Centre of Competence at MGM Medical College, Indore and Bhopal Memorial Hospital and Research Centre, Bhopal, specifically for consumables, to be considered under the DAJGUA.

It was brought to the notice of the Chair that the states of Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, and Uttarakhand did not start the procurement process for CoCs yet. JS (RP) directed these three states to initiate the tendering process at the earliest. Further, all the 17 SCD active states to submit state specific action plan on Sickle Cell Disease to Ministry of Tribal Affairs by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

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

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