

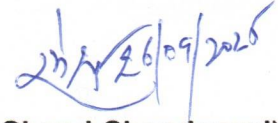
F. No.75/1/2024-THC (Comp No. 28572)
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Jeevan Tara Building,
Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001
Dated: 26/09.2025

Subject: Minutes of the Project Approving Committee (PAC) meeting held on 19.09.2025 at 11.00 AM for considering the proposals for setting up of Centre of Competence (CoC) -reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of the meeting on the above subject mentioned above for kind information and appropriate action.

2. This issues with the approval of competent authority.



(Ramesh Chand Chandrawal)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

To

List of PAC Members

1. Bureau Head, THC, M/o Tribal Affairs
2. JS&FA, M/o Tribal Affairs
3. Principal Secretary, Secretary, Tribal welfare Department of respective States Governments (as per list)
4. Secretary MoHFW
5. Secretary of State Health Departments of respective State Governments
6. Head of Medical Institutions concerned proposing CoC (for CoC proposals only)
7. Deputy Secretary, THC, MoTA

Copy to:

1. Participants (as per list)
2. MD NHM of respective State Government (as per list)
3. DA-JGUA Division, MoTA

List of States for PAC Meeting:

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. West Bengal

Minutes of the Meeting on setting up of Centre of Competence (CoC) under the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA)

A Project Approving Committee (PAC) meeting on setting up of Centre of Competence (CoC) was held under the Chairpersonship of Shri Manish Thakur Additional Secretary, M/o Tribal Affairs on 19.09.2025 at 11.00 am through VC Mode from Conference Room, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

(List of participants is attached at **Annexure**).

2. The proposals of the states of Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal were placed before the PAC for consideration.

1. AIIMS Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh

The PAC examined the proposal from Andhra Pradesh for establishing CoC at AIIMS Mangalagiri, in detail and approved the following:

a. Cost of Machinery / Equipment under Grants under CCA:

Equipment	Cost as per guidelines	Requested by the institution (Rs. in lakhs)	Approval of PAC
Sanger sequencing Device	Rs.45,00,000–1,80,00,000	Rs.180 lakhs	Approved
NGS device	Rs. 3,00,00,000	Nil	NA
DNA extraction equipment	Rs. 4-10 lakhs	10 lakhs	Approved
Thermal cycler	Rs. 3-6 lakhs	6 lakhs	Approved
Spectrophotometer	Rs. 3.5- 5 lakhs	5 lakhs	Approved
Gel electrophoresis	Rs. 2-5 lakhs	5 lakhs	Approved
Hemoglobin HPLC equipment for newborn screening by DBS	Rs. 40 lakhs	40 lakhs	Approved
Isoelectric focusing for newborn screening	Rs. 15 lakhs	15 lakhs	Approved
Hemoglobin HPLC variant	Rs. 43 lakhs	43 lakhs	Approved
Capillary GI electrophoresis	Rs. 37 lakhs	37 lakhs	Approved

Demand from the institution for machinery / equipment under Grants under CCA: Rs.341 lakhs

Total cost Approved for machinery/equipment under Grants under CCA: Rs.341 lakhs

b. Recurring cost under GIA component:

Equipment	Recurring cost per year as per guidelines	Proposed amount year 1	Proposed amount year 2	Approval status	Equipment
Sanger sequencer	4.95-19.8 lakhs	Rs.19.80 lakhs	Rs.19.80 lakhs	Approved	Sanger sequencer
NGS Device	13.2 – 99 lakhs	Nil	Nil	NA	
DNA extraction equipment	46,800 – 1.17 lakhs	Rs.1.17 lakh	Rs. 1.17 lakhs	Approved	DNA extraction equipment
Thermal cycler	35,000 – 70,000	Rs.70000	Rs.70000	Approved	Thermal cycler
Spectrophotometer	38,000 – 55,000	Rs.55000	Rs.55000	Approved	Spectrophotometer
Gel Electrophoresis	22,000 – 55,000	Rs.55000	Rs.55000	Approved	Gel Electrophoresis

Demand from the institution under recurring cost: Rs. 45.54 lakhs

Total recurring cost approved under GIA component: Limited to Rs.45.54 lakhs for a period of 2 years, subject to actual costs and further subject to the per cost limit for tests as prescribed under the technical guidelines of the MoHFW.

2. NRS Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata, West Bengal :

The PAC examined the proposal to establish CoC at NRS Medical college. Principal Secretary, State Health Department informed that the institution already has Sanger Sequencing Device and made a request for for NGS Device, which was approved by the PAC.

The following components were given approval by the PAC:

a. Cost of Machinery / Equipment under Grants under CCA:

Equipment	Cost as per guidelines	Requested by the institution	Approval status
Sanger sequencing Device	Rs.45 lakhs – 1.80 Cr	Rs.1.7 Cr	Not Approved (Since the institution already has the Device)
NGS device	Upto Rs.3.0 Cr	Rs.2.8 Cr	Approved
DNA extraction equipment	Rs.4-10 lakhs	Rs.10 lakhs	Approved
Thermal cycler	Rs.3-6 lakhs	Nil	NA
Spectrophotometer	Rs.3.5-5 lakhs	Rs.5 lakhs	Approved
Gel electrophoresis	Rs.2-5 lakhs	Rs.5 lakhs	Approved
Hemoglobin HPLC equipment for newborn screening by DBS	Rs.40 lakhs	Rs.40 lakhs	Approved
Iso-electric focusing for newborn screening	Rs.15 lakhs	Nil	NA
Hemoglobin HPLC variant	Rs.43 lakhs	Nil	NA
Capillary GI electrophoresis	Rs.37 lakhs	Rs.37 lakhs	Approved

Demand from the institution for machinery / equipment under Grants under CCA:Rs. 547 lakhs

Total cost Approved for machinery/equipment under Grants under CCA: Rs. 377 lakhs

b. Recurring cost under GIA component:

Equipment	Recurring cost per year as per guidelines	Proposed amount year 1	Proposed amount year 2	Approval status

Sanger sequencer	Rs.4.95-19.8 lakhs	Rs.19 lakhs	Rs.19 lakhs	Not Approved (Since the institution already has the Device)
NGS Device	Rs.13.2 – 99 lakhs	Rs. 29 lakhs	Rs.29 lakhs	Approved
DNA extraction equipment	Rs.46,800 – 1.17 lakhs	Rs.1 lakhs	Rs.1lakhs	Approved
Thermal cycler	Rs.35,000 – 70,000	Nil	Nil	NA
Spectrophotometer	Rs.38,000 – 55,000	Rs.50000	Rs.50000	Approved
Gel Electrophoresis	Rs.22,000 – 55,000	Rs.50000	Rs.50000	Approved

Demand from the institution under recurring cost: Rs.100 lakhs

Total recurring cost approved under GIA component: Restricted to Rs. 50 lakhs for a period of 2 years, subject to actual costs and further subject to the per cost limit for tests as prescribed under the technical guidelines of the MoHFW.

SUMMARY OF INSTITUTION-WISE DECISION

CoC proposal for the following States were approved

TOTAL COST

Sr. No.	States	Institution Name	Approved Budget (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Andhra Pradesh	AIIMS Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh	Rs. 386.54
2	West Bengal	NRS Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata	Rs. 427.00
Total			Rs. 813.54

Following discussions/decisions were made in the PAC meeting:

- All institutions for whom the proposal is approved, shall furnish the layout plan for CoC to the MoTA before the funds are released.
- All approved CoCs shall furnish the action plan for setting up of the facilities, community engagement plans and hub and spoke models plan with the district hospitals, CHCs and PHCs of the catering districts, within a month to MoTA.
- The CoCs should become functional within 120 days of this approval.
- The institutions are informed that CoC is not a project, and the institutions are to cater to the tribal population through the CoC, post two-year period of funding by MoTA. The institutions also will act as the spokes of MoTA for tribal health related activities with the hubs being District Medical Centres.
- States to submit Annual Action Plan (of CoC) to this Ministry with the measurable outcome without fail. Counseling of appropriate age group to be taken up actively by the CoCs and by the states to prevent inter-generational transmission of SCDs

Annexure

List of Participants

1. Shri Manish Thakur, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
2. Ms. R. Mythili, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
3. Ms Naureen Shahid, Consultant, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
4. Mrs. Priya Hitaishi, Health Cell, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
5. Shri Narayan Swaroop Nigam, Principal Secretary , Health Department, West Bengal
6. Shri Choten D Lama, Principal Secretary , TWD West Bengal
7. Shri Shubhanjan Das, MD NHM, West Bengal
8. Smt Brijit Suchita Kujur , Joint Secretary, Health Department, West Bengal
9. Executive Director, West Bengal
10. Dr. Tuphan Dolai, Professor & Head Hematology , NRS Medical college, West Bengal
11. Dr. Prasana B. Joint Director, Health Department, Andhra Pradesh
12. M. Saraswathi, Joint Director , TWD, Andhra Pradesh,
13. Dr. I S C Kumar, Additional Professor, AIIMS Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh
14. Dr. M. Ramesh Babu, Programme Officer, Tribal Health Department, NHM, Andhra Pradesh
15. Ms Anuradha Agarwal, Lead Consultant, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
16. Dr Sukanya, Senior Consultant, Blood Cell, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare