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**COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED
STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT (B)
DEPARTMENTS, 2022-2023**

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INTRODUCTION

1. I, as Chairman of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Development (B) Departments, Assam Legislative Assembly having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present this **TWENTY FOURTH REPORT** on Demands for **Grant No. 29** of the **Health & Family Welfare Department** for the financial year, **2022-23**.
2. Demands for Grant have been examined by the Committee under Rule 260 J (1) (a) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly.
3. The Committee took evidence of the representatives of the Health & Family Welfare Department on **24th March 2022**.
4. The Draft Report was considered and adopted by the Committee at their sitting **26th March 2022**.
5. The Committee expressed its thanks to the Officials of the **Health & Family Welfare Department** for placing before them the requisite materials and their considered views in connection with the subjects under consideration.
6. The Committee would also like to place on record their deep sense of appreciation for the invaluable assistance rendered to them by the Officials of Assam Legislative Assembly Secretariat attached to the Committee.

Dispur :
Dated 26th March 2022

Ramendra Narayan Kalita,
Chairman,
Departmentally Related Standing
Committee on Development (B) Departments,
Assam Legislative Assembly.

REPORT

CHAPTER-1

Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Assam functions with the objective of providing equitable access to quality health care across the State to all section sof people. Article-47 of the Constitution of India states that the improvement of public health is the primary duty of a State. The right to health care is the fundamental right of the citizens of India. The prosperity of the health of its citizens is directly linked with the progress and development of the State.

The Department further takes an active part in undertaking proposed activities in key areas, especially in the tribal belts rural-urban fringe of the state. It is responsible for diverse aspects of health sector covering information, education, communication and cooperation along with population research and medical research. The Department's adherence to technological advancements in these fields has been improving the delivery system of the modern primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare and bringing organized provision of medical care to the doorstep of citizens.

The Department administers the following offices under its wing: -

- Director of Health Services, Assam
- Director of Health Services (Family Welfare), Assam
- Director of Medical Education, Assam
- Director of AYUSH, Assam
- National Health Mission, Assam
- Atal Amrit Abhiyan Society
- Assam State AIDS Control Society
- Commissioner of Food Safety & Drugs Administration

Director of Health Services, Assam

The Director of Health Services, Assam is a Public Service Department which provides curative, preventive, promotive, maternity, child care and primary health care facilities to rural and urban areas of the State of Assam through different types of health institutions in the State. Utmost effort has been made to improve quality of services to the patients jointly combined with the support of the National Health Mission (NHM), Assam.

The main functions of the Department are broadly classified as under –

1) Primary Health Care Facilities:

- a. Rural Health Care Facilities
- b. Urban Health care Facilities

2) Prevention and Control of Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases –

The National Programs are now implemented through NHM, Assam and supervised by the Director, Health Services, Assam as follows:

- 1) National Vector Borne Disease Control Program (NVBDCP),
- 2) Integrated Disease Surveillance Program (IDSP),
- 3) National Program for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardio Vascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS)
- 4) National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB)
- 5) Revised National Tuberculosis Programme (RNTCP)

- 6) National Programme for Health Care of Elderly (NPHCE)
- 7) National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP)
- 8) National Iodine Deficiency Disorder Control Programme (NIDDCP)
- 9) Universal Immunization programme(UIP)
- 10) National Tobacco Control Programme(NTCP)
- 11) National Mental Health Programme (NMHP)
- 12) National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD)
- 13) National Oral Health Programme (NOHP)
- 14) National Programme for Prevention and Control of Fluorosis (NPPCF)
- 15) National Programme for Palliative care (NPPC)

Other programs:

- 1) Scheme for Food Safety Health Authority
- 2) Drugs Control
- 3) Public Health Education
- 4) Evaluation and Statistics
- 5) School Health Services

Now, the Commissionerate has been established for smooth functioning of the Food & Drugs Control (FDA) of the State of Assam.

The Director of the Health Services, Assam is the Head of the Department who exercises control, direction and guidance in respect of all the plans and programmes. He is also assisted by a team of both technical and non-technical staff of the Department which consist of Addl. Director of Health Services (G), Addl. DHS (Hills), Addl. DHS (SP), Addl. DHS (Upper Assam Region), Addl DHS (Lower Assam Region) and Addl DHS (BTAD). At present, one ACS Officer is posted as Addl DHS (Administration for smooth functioning of this Directorate. The Addl DHS (Upper Assam Region) is posted in Jorhat, while Addl. DHS (Lower Assam Region) is posted at Guwahati, and moreover, the Addl DHS (BTAD) is posted at Kokrajhar, who is also acting as the in-charge DHS (BTAD) area.

In the district level, the Joint Directors of Health Services, is the head of district organization who is assisted by CM & HO (CD), Addl CM & HO (FW), DIO, DMO etc with regard to communicable diseases like TB, Malaria, Leprosy, etc. and at the Sub-Divisional level, the Sub-Divisional Medical and Health Officer, their services are being utilized for implementation and supervision of all health programmes. The Superintendent of all hospitals and in-charge of Districts and Sub-Divisional Civil Hospitals are also taking key role for implementation of schemes launched by the Health Department from time to time.

Physical Target and Achievement during the year 2020-21:

- a) The Government accorded approval for filling up of 1795 nos of Grade III & Grade IV posts during the last year. In the phase – I, written examination for 1400 nos of posts (including technical & non-technical) were conducted and is being processed for selection, however, newly created 395 Grade – III & Grade –IV posts are yet to be advertised.
- b) Moreover, process for filling up existing vacancies of Grade –III & IV posts under different institutions of the district is also under process after approval from the Government.
- c) In collaboration with Welfare of Tea Tribes Community and Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt of Assam, on a special drive 250 Trainees were selected from tea tribe's community for GNM courses and they are undergoing training in Different Government Training Schools in the State.

DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES (FAMILY WELFARE), ASSAM

The Directorate of Health Services (Family Welfare), Assam is mandated to implement the Universal Immunization Programme and Family Welfare Programme of Government of India. The Directorate implements the programme through the Addl. Chief Medical & Health Officer (FW), who is the head of Drawing and Disbursing Officer of the district Family Welfare Bureau.

OBJECTIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT: -

1. Ensure full immunization of pregnant women and children from vaccine preventable diseases.
2. Control of population by giving users to both permanent method & temporary birth control methods.
3. Provide free contraceptives to the acceptors.
4. Maintain sex ratio by implementation of PC&PNDT Act.

FUNCTION OF DIRECTORATE: -

The Directorate of Health Services (FW), Assam implements the centrally sponsored Family Welfare Programme in the State. The following components are under the State Family Welfare Programme.

1. Direction & Administration.
2. Information, Education & Communication
3. Universal Immunization Programme
4. Maternal & Child Health.
5. Transport through State Health Transport Organization
6. Rural Family Welfare Centre (Main Centre at Block Primary Health Centre)
7. Rural Family Welfare Sub-Centre
8. Post Partum Programme in the district Hospital & Medical Colleges.
9. Imparting training of various of categories of health workers at the State Institute of Health & family Welfare Training Centre, which is under the administrative control of DHS (FW), Assam & ANM Training centre in the districts.
10. Printing of B/W formats for various programme at Offset Press under Directorate of Health Services (FW), Assam.

The Addl. Chief medical & Health Officer (FW) is responsible for implementing the Family Welfare Programme at district level.

SERVICES DELIVERED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO THE CITIZENS:

1. Organise camps for sterilization of both male & female beneficiaries in District Hospital & Block Primary Health centres.
2. Free supply & distribution of Cu-T, Oral Pills, Condom, EC – Pills, Pregnancy Test Kits etc.
3. Free supply of all vaccines for inoculation of infants, children & pregnant women from vaccine preventable diseases. Tetanus, Toxoid, Diptheria, Tuberculosis, Whooping Cough, Japanese Encephalitis, Hepatitis – B, Measles, Polio Militias, Rota Virus, Rubella etc.
4. Create awareness in the community about the Pre conception & Pre natal Diagnostics Technique act 1994 in aid to prevent female foeticide and improve declining sex ratio. Government of India sex ratio 943 and Assam is at 958 as per 2011 Census.

DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION, ASSAM:

Under the control of the Department of Health and family Welfare, Govt of Assam, Directorate of Medical Education headed by the Director of Medical Education was established during the year 1984. The Directorate of Medical Education, Training and Research, Assam have a host of institutions under its control to cater to the need of medical education across the state of Assam.

Brief Note: -

❖ **RURAL FAMILY WELFARE CENTRE (MAIN CENTRE) –**

This Rural Family Welfare Centre (Main Centre) constitutes as vital and most important part of the National Family Welfare Programme. The activities of the Rural Family Welfare Centres (main centre) relate to population control programme like, IUD insertion, Intensive Pulse Polio Immunization, Vit – A supplementation, Japanese Encephalitis vaccination etc.

❖ **POST PARTUM CENTRE –**

The Post Partum centre is directly concerned with the welfare of Pregnant Women, New Born Care, Post Natal Care services etc. Thus, it constitutes a vital part of the Family Welfare Programme.

❖ **TRANSPORT – POL (STATE HEALTH TRANSPORT ORGANIZATION) -**

The Government vehicle are serviced and maintained through the State Health Transport Organization which is necessary for proper implementation & monitoring of schemes. The vaccine Vans under Family Welfare Programme is utilized for transporting vaccine from Head Quarters to all the District HQ District, HQ to Block PHC, then peripheral institutions and vaccine sites including hard to reach areas.

UNIVERSAL IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME (UIP)

The Government of Assam (GoA) is committed to reducing child mortality and morbidity in the State by improving full immunization coverage through immunization against twelve life threatening vaccine preventable diseases. The UIP programme provides vaccination against eleven life-threatening Vaccine preventable diseases, viz, Tuberculosis, Diptheria, Pertusis, Tetanus, Hepatitis – B, Haemophilus Influenza type B, Poliomyelitis, Measles, Rubella, Japanese Encephalitis, Rota Virus and Pneumococcal Conjugated Vaccine.

Activities carried out under the respective Department are

- Routine Immunization Vaccination Session
- PPI(Pulse Polio Immunization)
- Intensified Mission Indradhanush under eGSA – AD (Extended Gram Swaraj Abhiyan – Aspiration Districts)
- Measles Rubella vaccination campaign
- Assam was the first state to implement Adult JE Vaccination
- Td Vaccine Campaign
- Pneumococcal Conjugated Vaccine programme
- COVID 19 vaccination started in Assam since 16th January, 2021 with estimated target approved 2.27 crore eligible people and 85, 42, 661 nos of people were vaccinated as on 15/07/2021.

Awareness Campaign by DHS (FW), Assam

The Directorate in collaboration of UNICEF, have already organized Inter Personal Communication skill development namely BRIDGE (Boosting Routine Immunization Demand Generation) for all frontline workers (ANM/ASHA) for strengthening awareness generation and behaviour Change Communication amongst the community.

Positive impact –

- Inter Personal Communication Skill (IPC) has translated to greater public awareness before and during measles Rubella Vaccination campaign.
- Under Mission Indradhanush 2018-19, Assam has achieved 1st Rank in India, followed by Madhya Pradesh.
- To reach the unreached, Inter-Personal Communication has played, major role to cover hard to reach areas and normally resistant areas in Tea Gardens, Riverine Char, Hilly terrain and Forest encroachment areas.

NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION, ASSAM:

The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 12th April, 2005 to provide accessible, affordable and quality health care to the rural population, especially the vulnerable groups. The thrust of the Mission is on establishing a fully functional, community owned, decentralisation health delivery system with inter – sectoral convergence at all levels, to ensure simultaneous action on wide range of determinants of health such as water, sanitization, education, nutrition, social and gender equality.

VISION OF NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION (NHM):

“Attainment of Universal Access to Equitable, Affordable and Quality health care services, accountable and responsive to people's needs, with effective inter-sectoral convergent action to address the wider social determinants of health”.

Achievements of State Govt Schemes implemented by NHM, Assam

- A. Key Health sectors that have achieved extraordinary success under NHM are mentioned below:-
- i. Under 5 Mortality rate (U5MR)
 - ii. Infant Mortality Rate (IMR)
 - iii. Neo – Mortality Rate (NMR)
 - iv. Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR)

 - v. Total Fertility Rate (TFR)
 - vi. Institutional Delivery
 - vii. Antenatal Care Services
 - viii. Use of Family Planning Methods
- B. Major Programmes: NHM, Assam has been carrying out the following major Programmes with an immense success rate -
- i) Providing comprehensive primary healthcare to tea garden population through dedicated Mobile Medical Units (MMUs)
 - ii) Chief Minister's Free Diagnostics Service
 - iii) Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme
 - iv) Free Drugs Services
 - v) Free Medicines and consumable to the Tea garden hospitals
 - vi) Wage compensation Scheme for pregnant women of Tea Garden Areas.
 - vii) Ayushman Bharat – Health & Wellness Centre
 - viii) Referral/Emergency Response Service
 - ix) Sanjeevani – village Health Outreach Program
 - x) Free Operation for Children having Congenital Heart Disease(CHD)
 - xi) SnehaSparsha
 - xii) Assam ArogyaNidhi

ATAL AMRIT ABHIYAN

Atal Amrit Abhiyan was launched on 25th Dec, 2016 in Assam and the cashless model was launched on 18th April, 2018. Atal Amrit Abhiyan provides cashless treatment benefit upto 2 lakhs per beneficiary whose annual income is less than Rs 5 lakhs per annum. Enrolment of BPL beneficiaries whose annual family income is less than Rs 1.2 lakhs per annum is free and increase of APL beneficiaries whose annual family income is between Rs 1.2 lakhs to 5 lakhs per annum, one has to pay Rs 100/- per beneficiary for enrolment. Treatment can be done in empanelled hospitals.

Atal Amrit Abhiyan provides treatment for the following specialities:

Cancer, Cardiology, Neurology, Kidney, Neonatal, Burns, and further after expansion of Scheme as Vistarita AAA(VAAA), the scheme includes – Trauma, ICU packages, Critical Care Paediatrics, Supplementary Packages, Encephalitis, Acute Encephalitis Syndrome and Paediatric Surgery.

Beneficiaries are also given flight tickets for treatment in the empanelled hospitals located outside the State which is within Rs 2 lakhs per beneficiary entitlement. The flight tickets are arranged with a maximum cap of Rs 30, 000/- per beneficiary and one attendant per year.

The Scheme migrated to the IT Platform of National Health Authority (NHA) w.e.f. 1st April, 2020. Total 89 hospitals have been empanelled under the scheme (47 within Assam and 42 outside Assam) and 64 numbers of Hospitals are under Vistarita Atal Amrit Abhiyan.

PRADHAN MANTRI JAN AROGYA YOJANA (PMJAY)

The PMJAY scheme provides comprehensive coverage of up to 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care treatment. Across the Country, the scheme covers approximately 10 crore families (50 crore individual beneficiaries). PMJAY was launched Pan India by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, on 23rd September, 2018. In Assam also the Scheme was launched on 23rd September, 2018 accordingly. Total 366 Hospitals have been empanelled under the Scheme, out of which 53 are GoI Hospitals, 162 are Government Hospitals and 151 are Private Hospitals.

ASSAM AIDS CONTROL SOCIETY

The AIDS Control Programme in Assam was started as a State AIDS cell which was established in the year 1992 in the office of the Director of Health Services, Assam under National AIDS Control organization (NACO) for implementing the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) Phase I. One State AIDS Programme Officer in the rank of Jt. Director of Health Services was appointed to run the programme and other officers and staffs were also appointed as per guideline. The State AIDS Cell of Assam had followed the National AIDS Prevention Policy, Govt of India for implementing the AIDS Control Programme in Assam.

Assam State AIDS Control Society receives fund from Govt of Assam under the Grant No 29 through NHM. National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) has implemented through different phases since 1992. NACP Phase IV started from 2012 and continued till 202. From year 2021 NACP Phase V has started and would continue till 2026. The details of fund received by Assam SACS and Assam State Blood Transfusion Council from the Govt of Assam till 2019-20 are given below:

- ❖ Consumable and equipment management in Govt., Blood bank under AIDS Control Society
- ❖ Strengthening of Assam State Blood Transfusion Council (ASBTC)
- ❖ Reimbursement for PLHIV for Transportation Cost and Investigation under AIDS Control Society
- ❖ Strengthening of Blood Bank at GMCH under AIDS Control Society
- ❖ Four Special Care Home for HIV affected Children under AIDS Control Society
- ❖ Improvement of ART Centre under AIDS Control Society
- ❖ Assistance to Widows of AIDS victim under AIDS Control Society
- ❖ ASACS Employees Welfare Fund
- ❖ IEC Activities for awareness HIV/AIDS

DIRECTOR OF AYUSH, ASSAM:

Govt of Assam Health & family welfare Department created a new directorate (Level), i.e., Directorate of AYUSH, Assam along with 23 nos of creation of posts in different cadres for establishment of the Directorate.

The Directorate of AYUSH, has paid special attention for development of existing 4 nos of AYUSH educational institutions as per CCIM and CCH norms, i.e. infrastructure development, imparting quality Ayush education and providing Ayush Health Care Services in the existing college hospital as well as in the AYUSH Health Care Services in the State.

The State Ayush Society, Assam has been formed in the year 2015 as per the guidelines issued by the GOI, Ministry of AYUSH, for implementation of various activities under centrally sponsored scheme, National AYUSH Mission, Ministry of AYUSH. GoI had approved the state annual action plan (SAAP) for up gradation of AYUSH system in

the State and subsequently released an amount of Rs 6101.828 lakhs as Central share for various schemes as per NAM guidelines. Under the components of AYUSH services, GoI had approved in the aforesaid SAAPs for construction/up-gradation of total 57 nos of OPD Centres @ 15.00 lakhs each in the co-located PHC, MPHC, CHC & SDs and 26 nos of AYUSH wings @ 24.00 lakhs each in the District Hospitals in the State. In addition, Ministry of Ayush, GoI had released Rs 3.47 crore for implementation of 49 nos of Health & Wellness Centre in the State.

Govt of India also approved an amount of Rs 101.00 lakhs for construction of basic science building at Govt Ayurvedic College, Ghy – 14 as per the ceiling fixed by the Govt of India. Rs 210.00 has been approved to each Homeopathic Medical Colleges of Assam for construction of boys hostel at Dr J K Saikia Medical College & Hospital, Jorhat for construction of girls hostel at Assam Homeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Nagaon, for construction of girls hostel at SJN Homeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Guwahati. All works related to construction of the aforesaid projects were going on through concerned PWD Department.

The GoI has approved an amount of Rs 1300.00 lakhs for establishment of two nos of integrated 50 (fifty) bedded AYUSH Hospitals at Dudhnoi and Majuli in the state. The construction of both the project works being implemented through NHM, Assam and construction of Dudhnoi Hospital is nearly completed, Majuli is in progress.

New Schemes Launched by the Govt: -

- ❖ Govt of Assam proposed to establish a new Ayurvedic College at Dudhnoi attached with newly constructed 50 bedded Ayurvedic Hospital under National AYUSH Mission, Assam. Accordingly, the Directorate requested Chief Engineer, PWD Building, Assam for preparation of master plan as per CCIM norms.
- ❖ Govt of Assam proposed to establish a Pachakarma unit at Govt Ayurvedic College, Guwahati under NEC Scheme. Accordingly, the Directorate has submitted a DPR for Rs 5.85 crore which is in process at the Govt level.

REPORT

CHAPTER-II

2.1 The Departmentally Related Standing Committee sitting held on 24th March 2022 examined the papers and documents received from the departments and took evidence of the departmental representatives. At the same time, the Committee considered the Action Taken report on the recommendations made in its Twenty third Report of 2021-22 in addition to the scrutiny of the budget provisions.

2.2 Budget provisions under Grant no 29 relating to the Health & Family Welfare Department, 2022-23 are as follows:

	REVENUE (Rs. in lakhs)	CAPITAL (Rs. in lakhs)	TOTAL (Rs. in lakhs)
VOTED	654738.78	60612.35	715351.13
CHARGED	105.00	0.00	105.00

Under the following heads, an estimated budget allocation has been fixed as shown below:

• 2210	Medical and Public Health	613960.87
• 2211	Family Welfare	39576.03
• 2215	Water Supply & Sanitation	1201.88
• 4210	Capital Outlay on Medical & Public Health	60517.35
• 4211	Capital Outlay on Family Welfare	95.00
• Grand Total		715351.13

- The amount so allocated is presented before the House and is proposed to be spent in the Revenue and Capital expenditure.

However, the Committee found that the fund released as per the budget allocation during the last financial year, i.e., 2020-21 for Grant no 29, had a great adverse impact due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. The Department also mentioned in its sitting about the disruption in many activities as proposed in the recommendation of the Twenty Second Report of the Committee for the State and District wise lockdown.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

GRANT NO 29

1. The Committee observed that cleaning staffs in Hospitals, CHCs or PHCs play a big role. But the pay structure of this category staff in PHCs and CHCs is not adequate. More funds is required to meet the minimum wages to be provided to those employees.

Therefore the Committee recommended the department to enhance the yearly allocated fund (to make it double of the current fund) provided to the PHCs, FRUs and CHCs for maintenance which include salary of the cleaners.

2. The Committee in it's course of deliberation came to know about the Covid pandemic hit situation in the state. The Committee observed some irregularities in the compensation special grant provided to the near relative of people succumbed to Covid.

Therefore the Committee recommended the concerned department to make an inquiry about this and submit a report thereafter as soon as possible. The Committee also directed the Department to provide aforesaid compensation grant to the actual beneficiaries who have been left out based on the enquiry report.

3. In the selection process of the PWD Candidates for admission into MBBS/BDS Courses in Assam, Committee has observed some irregularities specially in issuing Disability Certificate by appropriate authority in the District level. Committee also has observed some irregularities in the current system of Online Counselling process for admission into MBBS/BDS Course under PWD Category.

In this regards, the Committee has recommended an off-line counseling process for PWD category for admission into MBBS/BDS centrally in the O/o DME, Guwahati. It is also recommended to constitute an appropriate expert Committee to assess the disability at the time of counseling.

4. The Committee was informed about a hospital situated at 1 No. Kaki of Lunding LAC, which has capacity of 10 beds. But this 10 bedded hospital can't meet the huge health care requirements of the people of that area.

Therefore the Committee recommended the concerned department to take necessary steps to upgrade the hospital capacity (to 30 bedded) for the best of the public interest.

5. During the course of deliberation the Committee was informed that Majbat Model Hospital in Majbat LAC has been completed five (5) years back but it is yet to be made functional.

Since the necessity of Hospital is only increasing in our society the Committee recommended the concerned Department to take all necessary steps to make the aforesaid hospital functional with all the required facility as soon as possible.

6. The Committee during the course of deliberation observed that there are some lacuna in Atal Amrit Abhiyan for which a particular section of beneficiaries are being affected.

Therefore the Committee recommended the concerned Department to monitor the system properly at regular interval so that the mission can be accomplished smoothly. Moreover the Committee also recommended to extend the validity of monitoring of the APY card of APL Section upto 3 years rather than 1 year.

After making a detailed scrutiny of the DEMANDS FOR GRANTS of the Department of Health & Family Welfare and assessing the progress that the demands for grants for Rs. 715351.13 lakhs as sought by the Department of Health & Family Welfare for the year 2022-23 under GrantNo.29 be approved by the august House.

Action Taken Report on the recommendations should be submitted to the Committee within 90 (ninety days) from the presentation of the report to the House.

