

## **Guidelines for Centrally Sponsored Scheme**

**Scheme for augmenting Nursing Education- Establishment of new Colleges of Nursing (CoN) in co-location with Medical Colleges**



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## **1. Background and Objective**

To augment the availability of qualified human resources in health, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has taken up a number of initiatives including implementation of a Centrally Sponsored Scheme “Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals”. Under the scheme, a total of 157 new Medical colleges have been sanctioned in three phases. This scheme has led to a significant increase in the number of medical graduate seats in the country.

Now, to bring similar reforms in nursing education with a vision to provide high quality, affordable and equitable nursing education in India especially to underserved districts and States/UTs, One hundred and fifty-seven new nursing colleges will be established in co-location with the existing 157 medical colleges established since 2014 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme referred to in para above. The Colleges of Nursing will be established with in the same campus in co-location with the approved medical college and will have the advantage of optimal utilisation of the existing infrastructure, skill labs, clinical facilities and faculty of medical colleges. This would not only provide better clinical exposure to the nursing students but would also result in better care and service provision of patients in the medical colleges.

## **2. Selected Districts**

**2.1** Nursing Colleges will be established in 157 districts (List attached) as already identified in 3 phases under the scheme “Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals”. If any of the States could not opt for the Nursing College with the medical college in the specified district due to bona fide reasons, then the nursing college may be established in any other Government Medical College of nearby district proposed by the State government after due consideration and approval of the Empowered Committee (EC).

**2.2** Additional factors to be considered:

- i. Adoption of latest innovation and composite structures, strategies for speedy and “green” construction with lesser carbon footprint and energy efficient buildings.
- ii. There should be a scope for vertical expansion in all new nursing colleges.

- iii. The project is based on resource sharing between medical and nursing college, hence expenditure may be avoided on existing infrastructure/resources available in the medical college, which may be shared.

### 3. Funding & guidelines to release funds

- i. The total support for establishing Nursing colleges would be Rs. 10 crores including Central & State share
- ii. Funds would be shared between the central government and the state governments in the ratio as tabulated below:

(in Rs Cr)

| No. of colleges  | Ratio | Central Share | State Share    | Total        |
|--|-------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| UTs without legislature:<br>2x10 = 20                  | 100%  | 10x2=20       | 0              | 20           |
| North Eastern/ Special<br>Category States: 22x10 = 220 | 90:10 | 22x9=198      | 22x1 = 22      | 220          |
| Other States: 133x10 = 1330                            | 60:40 | 133x6= 798    | 133x4 =<br>532 | 1330         |
| <b>Total</b>   |       | <b>1016</b>   | <b>554</b>     | <b>1,570</b> |

- iii. All States/UT Governments to ensure strict compliance to the instructions issued by the Department of Expenditure vide OM No. 1(13)PFMS/ FCD/ 2020 dated 23/03/2021 regarding procedure for release of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and monitoring utilization of the funds released. The procedure in brief is listed out as under:
- a. Every State Government will designate a Single Nodal Agency (SNA) for implementing the Scheme.
- b. The SNA will open a Single Nodal account for the Scheme at the State level in a Scheduled Commercial Bank. UTs without legislature are not required to open Single Nodal Account as they operate directly from PFMS.
- c. Implementing Agencies (IAs) down the ladder should use the SNA's account with clearly

defined drawing limits set for that account.

- d. Zero balance subsidiary accounts for the Scheme may also be opened for the IAs preferably in the same branch.
- e. All zero balance subsidiary accounts will have allocated drawing limits to be decided by the SNA concerned from time to time and will draw on real time basis
- f. State Governments have to register the SNAs and IAs on PFMS. Bank accounts of all SNAs/IAs receiving funds have to be mapped in PFMS
- g. The State Government will transfer the Central Share received in its account in the RBI to the concerned SNA's account within a period of 21 days of its receipt.
- h. Corresponding State Share has to be released within 40 days from the release of the Central Share.

iv) The funding support will be provided for non-recurring infrastructure works, furniture & equipment. All recurring expenditures including manpower and other recurring costs, as per the extant guidelines and practice, will continue to be borne by the States for nursing colleges.

v) States/UTs may increase scope of work beyond the proposed and indicative layout plan as per their requirements. The total support for establishing Nursing colleges would remain Rs. 10 crores only including Central & State share. In case the scope of work is modified the additional costs will be borne by the States/UTs from their own resources.

vi) State/UT Governments would be required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) covering various conditions including commitment to provide land for establishment of nursing college, appointment of requisite faculty & staff necessary for running nursing college, contribute state share and recurring expenditure on faculty/staff and proper functioning/maintenance of the nursing college established under the scheme.

#### **4. Implementation**

For grant of a Nursing College under the Scheme, the States/UT Governments shall submit the following:

- a. Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the proposed Nursing College(s) incorporating the draft

layout plan.

b. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

**5. Plan of action**

i) States/UTs to adhere to the plan of action as follows:-

- a. States/UTs will submit their standard DPR within 02 Weeks of the communication of the Cabinet approval.
- b. Examination of the proposal by Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC), and subsequent approval by Empowered Committee (EC), including signing of MoUs will be processed within 02 Week of receiving Standard DPR from the States/UTs.
- c. States/UTs where establishment of medical colleges is yet to complete will float tender for nursing colleges within 03 Weeks and those where medical colleges are completed/functional will float tender within 05 Weeks of receiving necessary approval from the Ministry.
- d. Letter of Award will be provided to the successful bidders within 45 days of opening of bids.
- e. Foundation Stone will be laid within 02 Weeks of providing Letter of Award.

ii) A Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare will examine the DPR.

iii) Recommendations of the TEC will be placed before the Empowered Committee (EC) headed by Secretary (Health & Family Welfare), which will finally approve the proposed nursing colleges to be established. The composition of the EC is as under:

|       |   |                  |
|-------|---|------------------|
| i.    | Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Gol   | Chairperson      |
| ii.   | Additional Secretary (Medical Education), MoHFW         | Member           |
| iii.  | Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoHFW         | Member           |
| iv.   | DGHS, Dte.GHS   | Member           |
| v.    | Joint Secretary (Medical Education), MoHFW              | Member           |
| vi.   | Principal, Central government Medical college/institute | Member           |
| vii.  | Principal, Central government nursing college/institute | Member           |
| viii. | Deputy Secretary/ Director (Nursing Division), MoHFW    | Member-Secretary |

6. Branding: The MoHFW shall provide standard guidelines for façade branding of these

- institutions for information of candidates availing nursing education in these institutions.
7. Review meetings with the State Governments to be held periodically by Ministry to ensure that the constructions work and purchase of equipment is being done as per the action plan proposed.
    - i. These new Nursing Institutions will act as Mentor Institutions for the nursing colleges in the State & the region and will act as hub for quality assurance.
  8. The concerned State/UT authorities shall:
    - ii. Share details of progress of the Nursing College along with photographs periodically.
    - iii. Timely furnish the utilization certificate with respect to the grant-in-aid released by the Central Government under the Scheme. (Format of Utilization Certificate is at Annexure-II).
    - iv. Admit students in the new nursing college after obtaining necessary permissions from INC or the regulatory body in existence.
  9. The State/UT Governments shall strictly adhere to the norms as prescribed by Indian Nursing Council or regulatory body in existence and regulations thereto as notified from time to time with regard to establishment of a new nursing college.

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**Template of Utilization Certificate to be submitted by State/UT Governments**  
**against the Grant-in-aid released under the Scheme**

Proforma 'A'

FORMS  
**GFR 12 C**  
 [See Rule 239]

**FORM UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE**  
**(For State Government)**  
**(Where expenditure incurred by Government bodies only)**

| Sl. No. | Letter No. and date | Amount |  |
|---------|---------------------|--------|--|
|         |                     |        | Certified that out of<br>₹ .....of grants sanctioned<br>during the year ..... in favour of .....<br>under the Ministry / Department Letter No. given in<br>the margin and ₹ ..... on account of<br>unspent balance of the previous year, a sum of<br>₹ ..... has been utilized for the purpose of<br>..... for which it was sanctioned and that<br>the balance of ₹ ..... remaining unutilized<br>at the end of the year has been surrendered to<br>Government (vide No..... dated.....) /<br>will be adjusted towards the grants payable during<br>the next year..... |
|         |                     |        |  |
|         |                     |        |  |
|         |                     |        |  |

2. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which the grants-in-aid was sanctioned have been duly fulfilled / are being fulfilled and that I have exercised the following checks to see that the money was actually utilized for the propose for which it was sanctioned.

Kinds of checks exercised

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Signature of Govt.  
 Auditor/Chartered Accountant  
 Stamp:  
 Date:

Signature.....  
 Designation.....  
 Date.....



**State-wise list of 157 medical colleges approved & being established under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for 'Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals'**

| Sr. No | Name of the State/UT | No. of nursing colleges to be established |
|--------|----------------------|---|
| 1.     | A & N Islands        | 1   |
| 2.     | Arunachal Pradesh    | 1   |
| 3.     | Andhra Pradesh       | 3   |
| 4.     | Assam                | 5   |
| 5.     | Bihar                | 8   |
| 6.     | Chhattisgarh         | 5   |
| 7.     | Gujarat              | 5   |
| 8.     | Jharkhand            | 5   |
| 9.     | Jammu & Kashmir      | 7   |
| 10.    | Himachal Pradesh     | 3   |
| 11.    | Haryana              | 1   |
| 12.    | Karnataka            | 4   |
| 13.    | Ladakh               | 1   |
| 14.    | Madhya Pradesh       | 14  |
| 15.    | Maharashtra          | 2   |
| 16.    | Manipur              | 1   |
| 17.    | Meghalaya            | 1   |

|     |               |            |
|-----|---------------|------------|
| 18. | Mizoram       | <b>1</b>   |
| 19. | Nagaland      | <b>2</b>   |
| 20. | Odisha        | <b>7</b>   |
| 21. | Punjab        | <b>3</b>   |
| 22. | Rajasthan     | <b>23</b>  |
| 23. | Uttarakhand   | <b>4</b>   |
| 24. | Uttar Pradesh | <b>27</b>  |
| 25. | Tamil Nadu    | <b>11</b>  |
| 26. | West Bengal   | <b>11</b>  |
| 27. | Sikkim        | <b>1</b>   |
|     | <b>Total</b>  | <b>157</b> |