

Minutes of the review meeting of NPCB held on 27th and 28th September, 2012

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A review meeting of the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) was held under the chairpersonship of Ms. Sujaya Krishnan, Joint Secretary (NPCB) on 27th & 28th September, 2012 in room no.342-A, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi. All the States/UTs were represented in the meeting except Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal, Lakshadweep and Daman & Diu. The List of participants is annexed.

Objectives of the meeting were as under:-

1. To assess the status of development of Eye care infrastructure during the XIth five year plan: RIO, Distt. Hospitals, Medical Colleges, Vision Centre, Eye Banks, Eye Donation Centre, NGOs, Eye Wards & Eye OTs & Mobile Ophthalmology with Tele- Network etc.
2. Utilization of GIA released during 2011-12: Recurring, Non-recurring and Manpower.
3. To review the status of physical performance during 2011-12: Cataract Operations, School Eye Screening Programme, Eye Donation, Training etc.
4. Status of NPCB-MIS implementation.

Dr N.K.Agarwal, DDG(O) welcomed the chief guest Shri Kesav Desiraju, Spl. Secretary (H), MOH&FW, Ms. Sujaya Krishnan, JS (NPCB) and all participants of the States/UTs and explained the objectives of the review meeting to the participants. He made a presentation and explained the role/ functions of Central Cell, NPCB and State Programme Officers. He emphasized that for better implementation of the programme one must know the goals & objectives, strengths and deficiencies, to maximize capacity in order to achieve goals. He said that targets allocated to different states/UTs are based on the population of State and prevalence of blindness in that state. The State Programme Officer (SPO) must be aware of targets and service providers in each district of their respective state i.e. RIOs, Medical Colleges, District Hospitals, NGO Hospitals, CHCs, Private Eye Hospitals/Private Eye Clinics. SPO must ensure that quality work is being done as per norms.

Shri Keshav Desiraju, Spl. Secretary (H) and chief guest emphasized the need for maintaining transparency in funds released & utilized, accountability, timely submission of Utilization Certificates and quality of work. He expressed his concern over status of eye banking and low utilization rate of collected corneas. Regional Institute of Ophthalmology (RIOs) has to be involved more intensively in delivery of eye care services and their optimal utilization.

Ms. Sujaya Krishnan, Joint Secretary (NPCB), in her opening remarks stated that it is the high time to move from cataract oriented programme to Comprehensive Eye Care Programme which also includes treatment of other eye diseases like Diabetic Retinopathy, Glaucoma,

Keratoplasty, Childhood Blindness etc. She also expressed her concern over poor functioning of eye banking and stated that we need to reassess the policy for strengthening of eye banking in the country, as NPCB is receiving lots of RTIs and parliamentary questions. Non-functioning eye banks should be closed and grant in aid should be provided to only those eye banks which are collecting more than fifty corneas per year continuously for three years and functioning as per NPCB guidelines. Priority should be given to eye banks in Govt. sector. It has been observed that less no. of surgeries are being done in the Medical Colleges/RIOs which is leading to poor exposure of post graduate students hence affecting quality. She also emphasized on the urgent need for completion of MIS having in the states and entry of data in NPCB-MIS. No reimbursement for cataract operations will be made to NGO who has not entered data. For this it is important that DPM play a lead role in the processing and to ensure that payment are made within 3 months after the mandatory 5% checking/ verification.

This was followed by presentations by State Programme Officers, as per the given format.

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Andhra Pradesh

Dr. C. Sankaraiah made the presentation while representing Andhra Pradesh.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	23
District Hospital	19
No. of Eye banks in Govt. Medical Colleges	12
No. of Vision centres	392
Eye Banks	4
Eye Donation Centres	42

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	-	-	Equipments procured & Functional
Medical College	3	7	-	-	-
District Hospital	-	-	-	-	-
Vision centre	-	-	-	-	-

Eye Bank	-	-	-	10	-
Eye donation Centre	-	-	-	-	-

Specific issues:

SPO shared issues pertaining to NPCB-MIS implementation. Issues discussed were

- Password getting blocked frequently and delay in getting new pass word.
- Non- availability of technical person's phone number for technical problems encountered.
- Need for reorientation training to solve some functional problems.
- One regular MIS Assistant is required at DPM office.

Maharashtra

Dr. Satish D. Pawar made the presentation while representing Maharashtra.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	35
District Hospital	23
No. of Govt. Medical Colleges	17
No. of Vision centres	973
Eye Banks	59
Eye Donation Centres	159

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	Equipments procured & Functional	-	-	-
Medical College	7	3	-	-	-
District Hospital	-	-	-	1	1
Vision centre	-	-	-	-	185 Vision Centre Procurement in process

Eye Bank	-	1		1	2
Eye donation Centre	-	-	-	-	4 procurement in progress
NGO	1	1	1	-	-

Human resource

There are 67 regular and 3 contractual ophthalmologists in the state. Forty six more ophthalmologists are required. Along with it 656 PMOAs (650 regular+6 contractual) are working under NPCB and 41 more are required.

NPCB-MIS

There are total 88 NGOs working with NPCB. All District Hospitals and 87 NGOs are entering data in NPCB – MIS. All 34 Districts Data Entry Operator & District Nodal Officers & 87 NGO's MIS related persons had completed MIS training.

Specific issues:

- Majority of Vehicles are out dated and needs to be replaced for the mobility of the rural areas patients.
- Majority of OT equipments need replacements for delivery of better eye care services.
- Salary of contractual staff should be at par with NRHM salaries.
- DEO cum Accountant may be appointed in each district.
- Contractual staff's TA/DA for official tours may be considered.
- Operational cost should be 6% as per NRHM norms.
- The formats for eye bank & eye donation center must be exchanged.
- SPO shared his problems encountered during training sessions of NPCB- MIS, which are as given below:
 - The information fed as input was not displayed as output and output format's display is blank.
 - In Blind register the I.D. proof is must but most of patient doesn't hold I.d. prof.
 - While filling School Eye Screening Register, information to be filled in is not clear.
 - Information sent by NGO and District Hospitals to the District doesn't get displayed to themselves.
 - Should NGO serving in many districts feed the information at district where base hospital is located or individual districts where the NGO is working?
 - Aurangabad district is shown in Bihar State & Raigarh (Raigad) in Chhattisgarh State. So the information uploaded by mentioned districts will be reflected in Bihar & Chhattisgarh state.

- Entry of password is time consuming.

Punjab

Dr. Rakesh Kumar Gupta, SPO made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	20
District Hospital	20
No. of Govt. Medical Colleges	01
No. of Vision centres	199
Eye Banks	10
Eye Donation Centres	10

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	Equipments procured & Functional	-	-
Medical College	-	-	2	-	-
District Hospital	Equipments procured and functional				
Vision centre	-	-	Procurement under process		
Eye Bank	-	-	-	Under process	Under process
Eye donation Centre	-	-	10	-	-
NGO	-	-	3	-	-

Human resource

There are 106 regular ophthalmologists in the state and one more required. Along with it there are 200 PMOAs (199 regular+1 contractual) in the state.

NPCB-MIS

There are 88 NGO working with NPCB and two are entering data. Training workshop has been done in August, 2011.

Specific issues:

- Requirement of Computer operators/DEOs under NPCB in all 20 districts on contract basis for MIS implementation.
- Timely dissemination of guidelines and Uniform IEC Material for celebration of WSD/ Glaucoma fortnight/EDF
- To circulate details of equipments/consumables procured by all other states and procurement may be allowed at these rates.
- Most of the states are facing problems in implementation of NPCB-MIS. Kindly address the problems.
- Enhancement in salary of contractual staff.

Rajasthan

SPO, Dr. Mohd. Iqbal Bharti made the presentation representing Rajasthan.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	33
District Hospital	34
No. of Govt. Medical Colleges	06
No. of Vision centres	107
Eye Banks &EDC	23

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	Equipments procured & Functional	-	Equipments procured & Functional	-
Medical College	-	6	3	6	3
District Hospital	-	-	Equipments procured and functional		
Vision centre	-	-	Procurement done		Under process
Eye Bank	No in		1	2	2
Eye donation Centre	-	-	-	-	-
NGO	-	-	-	1	-

Human resource

There are 119 regular ophthalmologists in the state and 124 PMOAs (104 regular+20 contractual) in the state.

NPCB-MIS

There are 85 NGO working with NPCB and no NGO is entering data in the MIS. Training of MIS has been scheduled on 09th October 2012.

Specific issues:

- MIS-Individual person not identified/ posted in district HQ.
- No Separate Computer provided in the district HQ.

Chhattisgarh

Dr. Subhash Mishra, SPO made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	27
District Hospital	27
No. of Vision centres	112
Eye Banks	03
EDC	2

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO		Equipments procured & Functional		Equipments procured & Functional	
Medical College		1		1	
District Hospital		Equipments procured and functional		Equipments procured and functional	
Vision centre	Procurement done				
Eye Bank			1	Under process	Under process
Eye donation Centre	1				2, Under process

NGO			1		
Eye OT Construction	Construction of DH Jagdalpur-Complete , and construction of DH Kawardha & DH Rajnandgaon (Under process) (2009-10)				

Human resource

There are 61 regular and one contractual ophthalmologist in the state and 20 more are required for better functioning of the programme. There are 231 PMOAs on regular basis and 540 more are required.

Specific issues:

- The state has 9 tribal District which lack facility in education and resources, hence the performance is below normal. Special drive for IEC in the area was proposed but not sanctioned in ROP.
- The target for cataract surgeries has been increased while total budget amount in ROP is reduced. SPO requested for reduction in cataract target.
- The financial responsibility should rest with DPMU. There is pendency inspite of having balance. SPO suggested that it should be binding on DPMs to take action within a fortnight on any financial claim.
- The grant for cataract operation should be raised to Rs.1500.
- SPO requested for separate office assistant for NPCB in each district.

Tamil Nadu

Dr.M.S. Rajarathinam, SPO Tamil Nadu made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	31
District Hospital	31
No. of Vision centres	82 Govt +120 Private
Eye Banks	6 Govt+ 13 private
Eye Donation Centre	2

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO			Equipments procured & Functional		
Medical College		4		12	
District Hospital	Equipments		Equipments	Equipments	

	procured and functional		procured and functional	procured and functional	
Vision centre	Nil				
Eye Bank		1	1		
Eye donation Centre					
NGO	2				

Human resource

There is no contractual Eye Surgeon and PMOA in the state. There are 42 eye Donation Counselors, one Budget Finance Officer and 4 supporting staff are working.

Specific issues:

- Zonal Training centre to be started in Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore and Thanjavur.
- Funds are required for Equipment-Infrastructure strengthening of two Medical Colleges.
- Installation of Lasik Centre in RIO, GOH Chennai.
- Defects in MIS needs to be rectified (defects in Software)

Karnataka

Dr. Moola Anuradha SPO Karnataka made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	30
District Hospital	27
No. of Vision centres	140
Eye Banks	36
EDC	10

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	-	-	-
Medical College	2	-	1	1	-
District Hospital	-	-	-	Equipments procured and functional (4)	-

Vision centre		80	30	30	
Eye Bank		1	1	3	3
Eye donation Centre	-	-	-	-	-
NGO	-	-	1	1	1

Human resource

There are 195 sanctioned posts for Ophthalmologists and 115 ophthalmologists are working, 80 are vacant. Recruitment process is undergoing. Total 568 posts are sanctioned for PMOAs, 502 PMOAs are currently working under NPCB and 66 posts are vacant. Two PMOAs are working on contract basis.

NPCB-MIS

There are approximately 175 to 200 NGOs are working under NPCB. Entering of MIS data is under process. No training has been scheduled.

Specific issues:

- The Grant @ Rs.2 lakhs per district is required for operation cost of the District Health & FW Society (Blindness Control Division) for review meetings, contingencies, postage, telephone charges, drugs & consumables , Eye Camps., remuneration to Drivers etc., The total cost requested for the state is Rs.60 lakhs.
- Eye camps are conducted throughout the state especially in rural areas. The patients detected with Cataract needs to be transported to the site of surgery. Apart from this, as per NPCB Guidelines it is mandatory to check 5% of the post surgery cases to ensure quality. Hence POL and maintenance of district vehicle may be considered. The total cost requested is Rs.18 lakhs.
- Honorarium to DPM may kindly be considered.
- Drugs & Consumables- (IOL's, Visco Elastic Injection, Crescent, Keratome Blade, Hyalase Injection, Sensorcaine Injection, Micro Instruments, Corneal Forceps, Corneal Scissors, MC Phersons Forceps, IOL dialers', Vectis, BI Way Canola, Simcoe bulbs)
- NGO's liability needs to be cleared.
- Transfer of Mobile unit from Medical College may be considered.

Uttar Pradesh

Dr. S.C.Sundriyal, SPO Uttar Pradesh made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts

75

District Hospital	70
No. of Vision centres	380
Eye Banks	21
EDC	1

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	2, Equipments procured		2, Equipments procured		
Medical College	11	7	6		
District Hospital	Equipments procured in 2007-08 and 2009-10 and functional				
Vision centre	25	60	50	50	50
Eye Bank	2		1		
Eye donation Centre			1		
NGO	3 (in one no procurement, Case pending with CBI)				1

Human resource

There are 428 regular Ophthalmologists and 151 more ophthalmologists are required for IOL centres. Total 904 regular PMOAs are working and 75 more are required at each district hospital to tackle increased patient load.

NPCB-MIS

Approx 250 NGO's are working in the field of Ophthalmology in the state. MIS data is not available. Establishment details (email, Fax, Land line, Mobile no's) are not available. These NGO's are working and governed by respective District health societies.

Specific issues:

- Grant in aid for Cataract Operations should be increased from Rs.750/Cataract operation to Rs.1250/Cat Ops.
- No infrastructure is available for maintenance of Ophthalmic Equipment supplied by GOI.

- SPO requested for establishment of rate contract. SPO inquired about establishment of an Eye Bank (Eye Collection Centre) at each District Hospital.
- SPO requested for providing training norms. It was informed that training guidelines are available on NPCB website.
- Less allotment of GIA under Cataract operation head (only 1332.28 lacks against demand of 3847.50).
- Requested for enhancement in salary of contractual staff.
- SPO informed that NGOs are not under direct control of State NPCB Cell. They are sending reports through CMO Office.
- Utilization rate for collected corneas in the state is higher than country's rate. It was found that state is accepting only good quality corneas, hence higher utilization rate. SPO was informed that it is unethical to deny for collection of cornea.

Himachal Pradesh

Dr. Anupama Upadhaya, SPO HP made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	12
District Hospital	12
No. of Vision centres	20
Eye Banks	1
EDC	0

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	-	-	-
Medical College	Rs. 40 lacs has been received from GOI in the last week of March ,2012 and the funds have been released to Medical Colleges and the procurement is in process.				
District Hospital	Equipments procured in 2007-08 for nine Districts.				
Vision centre	-	15	-	GIA for Vision Centre has been received from GOI in the month of March,2012 and same have been released to 20 vision centres.	

Eye Bank	2	-	-	-	1
Eye donation Centre	-	-	1	-	1 under process
NGO	-	-	-	1	-
Eye OT	DH Kullu in 2008-09, construction is under process				
Tele-Opth	Rs. 40 lacs were received from GOI in the year 2008-09 for the established of Tele-Ophthalmology. After discussion with DDG(O) establishment of Eye Mobile Van with diagnostic facility is in process.				

Human resource

There are 29 regular Ophthalmologists and 10 more ophthalmologists are required. Total 144 regular PMOAs are working and 20 more are required for better implementation of the programme.

NPCB-MIS

Approx 31 NGO's are working in the field of Ophthalmology in the state. No NGO is entering data in NPCB-MIS due to lack of manpower. Trainings have been done.

Specific issues:

- Grant in Aid for the procurement of Ophthalmic Equipments in the State may be considered.
- Requested for providing grant for the opening of Eye Donation centers in all the Districts in the State.
- Suggested for central procurement of equipments.
- Requested for GIA for the salary of Eye Donation Counselor (2 Eye Donation Counselors are required)
- Due to lack of manpower, not able to fill the MIS data.

Uttara Khand

Dr. R.P. Badoni , SPO Uttara Khand made the presentation while representing the state.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	12
District Hospital	12
No. of Vision centres	34
Eye Banks	1

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	-	-	-
Medical College	-	1	-	-	-
District Hospital	Indirect Ophthalmoscopes procured in 2008-09 and provided to five DHs Three operating Microscopes were procured in 2009-10 and given to 3 DHs				
Vision centre	Equipments procured for 34 vision centres and functional				
Eye Bank	-	-	-	-	-
Eye donation Centre	-	-	1 (under process)	-	-
NGO	-	-	1	-	-
Eye OT	-	-	-	-	1 (under process)

Human resource

There are 29 regular Ophthalmologists and 10 more ophthalmologists are required. Total 144 regular PMOAs are working and 20 more are required for better implementation of the programme.

NPCB-MIS

Approx 20 NGO's are working in the field of Ophthalmology in the state. 12 NGOs are entering data in NPCB-MIS. Trainings have been done.

Specific issues:

- Budget and NGO pendency – Catop target was increased from 50000 to 57000 after approval of PIP for 2011-12 and budget released was Rs. 277.66 Lakh against approval of Rs 407.79 Lakh.
- NGO pendency needs to be cleared.
- NGOs are finding difficulty in uploading data in MIS.

Gujarat

Dr. Utpal Jani, Ophthalmic Surgeon (NPCB), Gujarat made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts

26

District Hospital	26
No. of Vision centres	73
Eye Banks	41
EDC	47

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	Equipments procured & functional	-	-	-
Medical College	-	6	-	-	
District Hospital	Equipments were procured in the year of 2008-09, 09-10,10-11 and 11-12.				
Vision centre	Equipments procured during the year 2008-09, 09-10 and 10-11. All equipments are functional				
Eye Bank	1	1	1	-	1
Eye donation Centre	-	2	-	-	-
NGO	-	-	2	1	1

Human resource

There are 39 regular Ophthalmologists and 235 PMOAs working in the State. Total 50 contractual PMOAs are working and 50 more are required.

NPCB-MIS

Approx 175 NGO's are working in the field of Ophthalmology in the state. 135 NGOs are entering data in NPCB-MIS . Trainings have been done.

Specific issues:

- Supporting Staff at DBCS level-Part time accountant / Data Entry persons are not easily available at Dist. (Remote area) level as remuneration is very less (Rs.1500/-). SPO requested for Full time accountant and Data Entry persons with reasonable remuneration.
- Currently charge of District Programme Manager is held by District Ophthalmic Surgeon who has to look after OPD & OT activities. Requested for re-establishment of the post of DPM.
- Requested for enhancement in the honorarium of Ophthalmic Surgeon on contract basic from Rs.25,000/- to Rs.50,000/-

- Creating a technical post (Ophthalmic Surgeon) at SBCS level for better planning and monitoring of the programme.
- MIS related issues
 - **Gujarat had entered data in NPCB –MIS for all districts. There is no NGO pendency.**
 - Password block (Multiple Characters), internet connectivity in the remote areas, availability of data entry operators, Accessibility to DPM’s account and no back up in the form of soft copy are the few problems usually encountered by the users.

Kerala

Dr.Sherly.V.V, SPO Kerala made the presentation while representing the state.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	14
District Hospital	14
No. of Vision centres	29
Eye Banks	4
EDC	13

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	Equipments procured	-	-
Medical College	-	1	3	1 (under process)	-
District Hospital	NA				
Vision centre	-	-	5	3	21
Eye Bank	-	1	1	-	1,under process
Eye donation Centre	-	-	-	-	-
NGO	1	-	-	-	-
Tele-Opth	-	-	Functional,	Will start	Under

			Mobile	functioning in	process
				Oct, 2012	

Human resource

There are 124 regular and 1 contractual Ophthalmologist working in the state. There are 346 regular and 3 contractual PMOAs working in the State. Approximately 56 more contractual PMOAs are required for better service delivery.

NPCB-MIS

Approx 48 NGOs are working in the state under NPCB out of which 12 NGOs are entering data in NPCB-MIS . Five Training workshops have been done.

Specific issues:

- District Societies (NPCB) do not have independent computers and internet facility. SPO proposed for procurement of computers from the interest earned during 2011-12 (more than Rs. 19 lakhs).
- From 2010-11 onwards, the auditors of NRHM do not provide separate audit report and audited utilization certificates for individual Programmes like NPCB, despite request. SPO requested for intervention from the Ministry. .

Goa

Dr. Albert D'Souza, SPO Goa made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	2
District Hospital	2
No. of Vision centres	11
Eye Banks	0
Eye Donation centre	0

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	-	-	-
Medical College	-	-	1	-	-
District Hospital	GIA was received during the year 2007-08,08-09,09-10 and 11-12. Equipments procured and functional				

Vision centre	2		6	-	1
Eye Bank	-	-	-	-	-
Eye donation Centre	-	-	-	-	-

Human resource

- There are 10 regular and 1 contractual Ophthalmologists working in the state, 4 more ophthalmologists are required. There are 4 sanctioned posts for contractual ophthalmologists, all are vacant.
- Total 17 regular and 1 contractual PMOAs are working under the NPCB . Approximately 11 more contractual PMOAs are required for better service delivery.

Haryana

Dr. Jagdeep Singh, M.O. (eye surgeon), General Hospital Panchkula, Haryana made the presentation on behalf of SPO Haryana.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	21
District Hospital	54
No. of Vision centres	83
Eye Banks	21
EDC	20

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	Equipments procured	-	-
Medical College	-	-	-	-	-
District Hospital					
Vision centre	2	-	1	1	-
Eye Bank	-	-	-	-	-
Eye donation Centre	-	-	-	-	-
NGO	2	-	-	-	-

Human resource

There are 82 regular Ophthalmologists working in the state and 10 posts for contractual are vacant. Along with it 91 regular and 9 contractual PMOAs are working in the State. One post for contractual PMOA is vacant.

NPCB-MIS

Approx 195 NGO's are working in the state under NPCB. No NGO is entering data in the NPCB-MIS.

Specific issues

- Delegation of financial powers under NPCB in respect of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Member Secretary may be specified.
- Annual increment of 5%-10% in salary of the contractual staff may be considered.
- Rate of remuneration to contractual staff working under NPCB may kindly be raised at par with other societies working under NRHM.
- Rules regarding sanctioning of leave that is Casual leave, earned leave and Maternity leave, extra ordinary leave may also be framed.
- Transfer rules for the staff working on contractual basis may also be framed.
- Need to frame rules for TA/DA to the contractual staff.
- Increase in salary of Eye Surgeons to be recruited on contract basis.

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Manipur

Dr.Kh. Kaminibabu Singh, SPO Manipur made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	9
District Hospital	9
No. of Vision centres	10
Eye Banks	1(non functional)
EDC	0

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	-	-	-
Medical College	-	-	-	1	-

District Hospital	2008-09 equipments are procured and distributed to DH. All equipments are functional.				
Vision centre	-	-	-	5	-
Dedicated Eye OT	Construction complete, non functional	-	-	Construction complete, functional	-
Tele-Opth	Received Rs. 40 Lakh in 2008-09, Rs. 29 lakh has been utilized in making mobile van equipped.				

Human resource

There are 9 regular Ophthalmologists working in the state and 21 more are required. There are 39 regular PMOAs and 85 are required for smooth delivery of services.

Specific issues

- There is only one dedicated Eye O.T. at JNIMS.
- Most of the District Hospital in the State are non functional.
- Four District mobile units of DBCS are not in suitable working condition.
- There are only 4 Eye Specialists who can perform cataract surgeries with desired results.
- There is shortage of support staff in DBCS. SPO requested for providing the necessary assistance.
- SPO also suggested for providing incentives to state ophthalmologists to encourage them for cataract surgeries.
- Measures should be considered to make non-operating Ophthalmologists in Govt. Hospitals functional.

Mizoram

Dr. Malsawma, SPO Mizoram made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	9
District Hospital	8
No. of Vision centres	39
Eye Banks	1
EDC	2

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Vision centre	Rs. 25,000 has been paid to 27 Vision centres				
Dedicated Eye OT		Construction complete, non functional	2 (one complete, one 84% complete)	2 (one complete, one 80% complete)	2 under construction

Tele-Ophthalmology:

- Grant in aid received during the year 2007-08 was utilized in procuring a small vehicle which suits Mizoram's geographic terrain.
- Funds received during the year 2008-09 have been utilized in establishing Tele-Ophth. Vision Centres in 10 rural PHCs in collaboration with SATHI.
- Funds received during the year 2009-10,10-11 and 11-12 have been utilized in Procuring vehicle for 9 DPMs of all districts, SPO and Mobile Ophthalmic Units at Dist. Hospitals Aizawl, Lunglei & Champhai.

Human resource

There are no regular Ophthalmologists working in the state and 5 are required for five districts. Seventeen contractual PMOAs are working under NPCB.

NPCB-MIS-

There is only one NGO working in the state that too is not entering data in the MIS system due to lack of training.

Specific issues

- With only 4 of the 8 available Eye Surgeons doing cataract operations there is under achievement.
- The only Eye Bank in Civil Hospital, Aizawl is being developed with engagement of necessary staff employment. Interviews of the donor families has been recorded to be telecast to DDK and local Cables after appropriate editing and compilation by a reputed firm.
- Blind Survey had been conducted by MPWs during July – August 2012 and reports are being compiled for analysis at present.
- MIS - DEO needs Training.

Madhya Pradesh

Dr. (Mrs.) Dhanila Narayan, SPO Madhya Pradesh made the presentation while representing state.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	50
District Hospital	50
No. of Vision centres	168
Eye Banks	6
EDC	28

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	Procurement of equipments under process				
Medical College	Procurement of Ophthalmic Equipments for five Medical colleges is under Process				
District Hospital	Equipments has been procured for all fifty districts.				
Vision centre	Vision centres have been developed.				
Eye Bank	Indore Eye Bank has been strengthened				
Eye donation Centre	3 EDCs have been strengthened				

Human resource

There are 100 sanctioned posts for Ophthalmologists, only 30 Ophthalmologists are working, rest of the posts are vacant. Similarly out of total 598 sanctioned posts of PMOAs, 434 PMOAs are working under NPCB.

- SPO informed that out of 30 Ophthalmologists only 15 are trained in any of the sub-specialties.
- Special clinics are being established at District Hospitals for treatment of Diabetes Mellitus, Glaucoma, Corneal blindness, Squint and pediatric ophthalmology related eye problems.

Jharkhand

Dr. M.E. Ashraf, SPO Jharkhand made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	24
District Hospital	14
Vision centres	85
Eye Banks	5
Eye Donation Centres	0

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	Equipments procured	-	-	-	-
Medical College	1	1	-	1	1
District Hospital	GIA provided during the year 2011-12.(Sadar Hospital Ranch)Tender in process				
Vision centre	Equipments procured and functional		Tender not finalized		
Eye Bank	-	-	-	-	Tender not finalized
Dedicated Eye OT	-	-	Construction complete	Construction complete	Under process
NGO	1	1	-	-	-

Human resource

- There are 19 regular & 1 contractual Ophthalmologists, 14 more Ophthalmologists are required. There are 93 regular and 8 contractual PMOAs in the state, 129 more PMOAs are required for better programme implementation.

NPCB-MIS

- There are total 154 NGOs working under NPCB. No Ngo is yet entering data in the NPCB-MIS.

Specific issues

- Procurement of Eye equipments have not been done since three years. SPO requested for establishment of rate contract.
- Operating Eye Surgeons are very few in the state, only 9 eye surgeons are there.
- There is shortage of PMOAs in the state. There are only 70 PMOAs against 194 in CHCs. State is recruiting 93 more PMOAs under the school health programme.
- Training of Sahayika, ANM, Health worker, Medical officers not being done due to lack of funds.
- Remuneration of contractual staff should be raised as per NRHM norms. .

Arunachal Pradesh

Dr. K.K. Deb, SPO Arunachal Pradesh made the presentation while representing state.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	17
District Hospital	14
No. of Vision centres	47
Eye Banks	1
EDC	4

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	-	-	-
Medical College	-	-	-	-	-
District Hospital	3	-	2	1	1
Vision centre	10	5	6	-	6
Eye Donation Centre	2	-	-	-	-
Dedicated Eye OT	-	Construction complete	-	Construction complete	Under process
NGO	-	-	1	1	-
Tele-Opth	Three Mini Bus procured & deployed in three districts.(Papum-pare, East Siang, Tirap)	Proposal submitted	-	-	-

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Human resource

There are 12 regular Ophthalmologists in the state. There are 26 regular and 11 contractual PMOAs in the state. More PMOAs are required for each vision centre.

NPCB-MIS

There is one NGO working under NPCB and entering data in NPCB-MIS. Initial sensitization trainings have been given to all dealing assistants of DBCS.

Specific issues

- Separate DBCS composite fund needed, specifically for hilly NE states.
- Replacement of vehicles for mobile eye units are needed. Hiring charges are very high in hilly state.
- Honorarium to Eye Surgeons & other supporting staff in eye camps may be considered as per NRHM norms.
- Cataract operation target to needs to be revised.
- Survey to assess the prevalence of blindness in the state is needed.
- Enhancement in salary of contractual staffs may be considered.
- Drawing & Specifications of Eye Wing building needs to be updated with reference to present quantum of fund allocation.
- MIS- Refresher & updating training required.

Jammu & Kashmir

Dr. Deepak Kapoor, Divisional Programme Officer, Jammu made the presentation for Jammu and Dr. Masooda Shah, Dy. Director (Sec.), Kashmir Health Services made the presentation for Kashmir division.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	10
District Hospital	10
No. of Vision centres	06
Eye Banks	0
EDC	0

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	-	-	-
Medical College	-	-	-	-	-
District Hospital	-	-	-	-	-
Vision centre	-	-	-	-	6 under process
Eye Donation Centre	-	-	-	-	-
Dedicated Eye OT	Funds released to DH Samba & DH Kishtwar during the 2011-12				
NGO	-	-	-	-	-
Tele-Opth	-	-	-	-	Under process

Human resource

- There are 20 regular Ophthalmologists in the state. Only five are trained in SICS& IOL.
- There are 70 regular and 2 contractual PMOAs in the state.

NPCB-MIS

There is one NGO working under NPCB and not entering data in NPCB-MIS. Two training sessions have been done.

Kashmir

- Eye care infrastructure is developed in Kashmir region. Grant in aid provided for the development of Operation Theatre and Eye Ward has been released to CMO District Hospital Kulgam.
- Trainings are being done to orient concerned persons for MIS.

Specific issues

- There is no exclusive Contractual Staff and office set up for NPCB.
- Pending liabilities of NGO's have piled up to Rs.30.lakhs.
- Targets for Cataract for 2012-13 have been set very high which should be rationalized

Meghalaya

Dr.B. Khongsit, SPO Meghalaya made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts

11

District Hospital	05
No. of Vision centres	30
Eye Banks	0
EDC	0

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	-	-	-
Medical College	-	-	-	-	1
District Hospital	Equipments procured & functional			-	-
Vision centre	-	-	-	-	-
Eye Donation Centre	-	-	-	-	-
Dedicated Eye OT	Construction at DH Jaintia Hills, Civil Hospital, Ri-Bhoi District is 85% complete Construction at Tura Civil Hospital, West Garo Hills District is 30% complete				
NGO	3		1		

Human resource

- There are 7 Ophthalmologists in the state. Thirty eight Ophthalmologists are required in the state.
- There are 29 regular and 4 contractual PMOAs in the state, approx 130 PMOAs are required for smooth functioning.

NPCB-MIS

There is one NGO working under NPCB and not entering data in NPCB-MIS. Two training sessions have been done.

Specific issues

- State is having a lack of manpower. Only 7 Eye Surgeons are in position out of 38 as projected by NRHM. There is no eye surgeon in District Nongstoin, Baghmara & Williamnagar.
- There are only 33 Para Medical Ophthalmic Assistants in position including 4 contractual. Required PMOAs are approximately 130.
- No separately trained Nursing Staffs for Eye Care.

- There is no trained man power to manage the disorders included in the new initiatives of 11th Plan. e.g., Glaucoma, Childhood blindness, Laser Techniques, Diabetic Retinopathy, Corneal transplantation, etc.
- Lack of Optical shops in the remote areas is hampering school eye screening programme in the state. Students cannot afford to reach the District Head Quarter for correction of R.E. etc.
- Apathy of the relatives as the patients is of elderly age group and dependents.
- Target set for cataract is too high (17,000)

Nagaland

Dr. M.Takonuksung Lemtor, SPO Nagaland made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	11
District Hospital	11
No. of Vision centres	31
Eye Banks	0
EDC	0

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	-	-	-
Medical College	-	-	-	-	-
District Hospital	Equipments procured in 2007-08 and 2011-12 are functional				
Vision centre	-	-	-	-	Equipments procured
Eye Donation Centre	-	-	-	-	-
Dedicated Eye OT	Construction at DH Mokokchung, Dimapur, Phek and Tuensang is complete. Equipments have been procured & functional.				
NGO	-	-	-	-	-
Tele-Opth	-	-	-	Fixed model, in progress	-

Human resource

There are 12 regular Ophthalmologists and 29 PMOAs are working in the state. Along with it 17 PMOAs are working on contractual basis.

NPCB-MIS

There no NGO working under NPCB in the state.

Specific issues

- Lack of Manpower and difficulty in hiring due to poor salary.

Assam

Dr. P.K. Sarma, SPO Assam made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	27
District Hospital	24
No. of Vision centres	130
Eye Banks	5
EDC	3

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	Equipment procured & functional	--	Equipment procured & functional	-	-
Medical College	-	2	2	-	1
District Hospital	Equipments procured in the year 2007-08,08-09 & 09-10 & functional				
Vision centre	25	25	20	54	
Eye Bank	1	1	1		1
Eye Donation Centre	-		2		2
Dedicated Eye OT	Golaghat DH, Kokrajhar DH , Nalbari DH,Dhemaji CH – Complete (2008-09,2009-10) Cachar DH , Haflong DH, Dima Hasao, Bongaigaon D H, Jakhlabandha FRU, Sonari FRU, Titabar FRU- under construction (2010-11) Bilasipara FRU, Gohpur FRU- under construction (2011-12)				
NGO	-	2	1	1	1
Tele-Opth	-	mobile	-	-	-

Human resource

There are 110 regular Ophthalmologists and 202 PMOAs are working in the state. Along with it 12 PMOAs are working on contractual basis.

NPCB-MIS

There 10 NGO working under NPCB in the state. No NGO is entering data in NPCB-MIS. Trainings have been done.

Specific issues

- Remuneration of Contractual Staff like Ophthalmologist, PMOAs, Contractual Budget & Finance Officer, Data Entry Operator, Administrative Officer etc. needs to be raised.
- MIS training to the state, district level personnel and NGOs of the NPCB may be imparted by the national level officials.
- Due to poor infrastructure cataract surgery rate is poor in the state.

Sikkim

Dr. Pramila Giri, SPO Sikkim made the presentation while representing the state.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	4
District Hospital	4
No. of Vision centres	24
Eye Banks	0
EDC	0

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	-	-	-
Medical College	-	-	-	-	-
District Hospital	Equipments procured in the year 2007-08,08-09 & 09-10 & 2011-12 are functional				
Vision centre	Equipments procured in 2008-09 & 2009-10 are functional				
Eye Bank	-	-	-	-	-
Eye Donation Centre	-	-	-	-	-

Dedicated Eye OT	DH Namchi (South) – Construction Complete (2008-09), equipment procurement is under process DH Singtam (East)- Construction Complete(2009-10), equipment procurement is under process DH West(Gyalshing) – Under Process				
NGO	-	-	-	-	-
Tele-Opth	-	-	Van procured	-	-

- SPO informed that Mass survey has been planned in the state to assess Cataract backlog and cataract beneficiaries.
- State is developing facilities for treatment of Diabetic Retinopathy & ARMD and Pediatric Ophthalmology & Keratoplasty units at STNM Hospital.
- Posting of Ophthalmologists and Ophthalmic Nurses in all District Hospitals and Ophthalmic Assistants at all Vision Centres is under consideration.

Human resource

There are 2 regular & 3 contractual Ophthalmologists working under NPCB. Total 5 regular and 9 contractual PMOAs are working under NPCB.

NPCB-MIS

There is no NGO working in the State.

Specific issues

- As in other National Programmes, provision for raise of salary of contractual Staff (technical and management) may be considered under NPCB during 12 plan.
- Requirement of Driver for running Mobile Ophthalmic Unit purchased under approved ROP 2009-10 NPCB may be done.
- At least 3 vehicles for NPCB officials is required.
- Permission to procure equipments directly from Dealer/Manufacturer may be granted to avoid delay and escalation of cost including NIT in National papers leading to wasteful expenditure.

Tripura

Dr. Pranabendu Barman, SPO Tripura made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	8
District Hospital	3
No. of Vision centres	18

Eye Banks	1
EDC	0

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	-	-	-
Medical College	-	1	-	1	1
District Hospital	Equipments procured in the year 2008-09, 09-10 & 2010-11 are functional				
Vision centre	-	8	-	6	-
Eye Bank	1	1	-	-	-
Eye Donation Centre	-	-	-	-	-
Dedicated Eye OT	AGMC & GBP Hospital- construction is almost complete (2010-11) Melaghar Hospital& Khowai Hospital – under progress (2011-12)				
NGO	1	-	-	-	-
Tele-Opth	Fixed 40 centers & 3 nodes (Functional)				

Human resource

There are 19 regular Ophthalmologists working under NPCB and 17 more required. Total 25 regular and 2 contractual PMOAs are working under NPCB, 45 more PMOAs are required for better functioning of the programme.

NPCB-MIS

There is only one NGO working in the State and not entering data into NPCB-MIS. No training has been done.

Specific issues

- Increase of monthly remuneration for contractual staffs and other Ophthalmic manpower is needed.
- The existing vehicle received from NPCB is old and needs to be replaced.

Delhi

Dr. S.K. Bansal, SPO Tripura made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	9
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District Hospital	32
Medical Colleges	04
No. of Vision centres	03
Eye Banks	12

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	Equipments procured & functional	-	-
Medical College	Rs.2,88,918/- released in 2009-10 and earlier grant of Rs.30 lakhs released in the year 2006-07 to MAMC. Equipments procured and functional				
District Hospital	Equipments procured under NPCb funds are functional				
Vision centre	Only 3 vision centres have been opened till date, rest are being opened				
Eye Bank	One eye bank in private sector was approved Rs 15 lakhs last year but money could not be released and lying as unspent with the state society. We may ask for another Rs 5 lakh and could release this to the distt hospital for which NPCB has sanctioned Rs 20 lakhs this year.				
Eye Donation Centre	-	-	-	-	-
NGO	-	-	-	-	-

Human resource

There are about 270 Ophthalmologists in Govt. sector and 144 in different NGOs. All District hospitals have 2-3 PMOAs from the NCT of Delhi. Only 2 PMOA are working on contractual basis because of low salary.

NPCB-MIS

There is no NGO working in the State.

A&N Islands

Dr. (Mrs) Anita Shah, SPO A&N Islands made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts	3
District Hospital	3

No. of Vision centres 23

Eye Donation Centre 1

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	-	-	-
Medical College	-	-	-	-	-
District Hospital	Dr. R. P. Hospital, Mayabunder, BJR Hospital, Car Nicobar, G.B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair strengthened in the year 2010-11. All Equipments are functional.				
Vision centre	-	-	-	2	-
Eye Bank	-	-	-	-	-
Eye Donation Centre	-	-	-	-	1

Human resource

There is no Ophthalmologist and 21 regular & 5 PMOAs on contractual basis are working under NPCB.

NPCB-MIS

No NGO working under NPCB.

Specific issues

- Requested for enhancement in T/A& D/A for trainees and trainers at par with NRHM norms.
- Staff pattern of vision centre and controlling authority may be specified.
- Scarcity of HR (Ophthalmologist, DEO) in all districts. Existing staffs are not trained on MIS. Waiting for master trainer from mainland.

Puducherry

Dr.D. Sendhamizhan Rene SPO Puducherry made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the State

Districts 4

District Hospital 4

No. of Vision centres 30

Eye Bank 3

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	-	-	-
Medical College	-	-	-	-	1
District Hospital	Equipments procured are functional				
Vision centre	-	-	Equipments procured are functional		-
Eye Bank	-	-	-	1	1
Eye Donation Centre	-	-	-	1	-
Tele-Opth	-	JIPMER	-	-	-
NGO	-		-	1	-

Human resource

There are 3 PMOAs on contractual basis are working under NPCB.

NPCB-MIS

One NGO is working under NPCB and entering data in NPCB-MIS. NGOs from Puducherry region have been claiming from neighboring Tamil Nadu state. Aravind Eye Hospital is the only NGO claiming reimbursement for eye donation from NPCB, Puducherry.

Specific issues

- Salary for the contractual staff should be raised.
- Enhancement in recurring grant in aid for free cataract surgery to NGOs may be considered.
- OCT for Government General Hospital, Puducherry is required.

Chandigarh

Dr. K.S. Rana, SPO Chandigarh made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the UT

Districts	1
District Hospital	1
No. of Vision centres	5

Eye Bank 3

Eye Donation Centre 0

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	-	-	-
Medical College	-	1	-	-	-
District Hospital	-	-	-	-	-
Vision centre	-	-	Equipments procured are functional	-	-
Eye Bank	-	1	-	-	1
Eye Donation Centre	-	-	-	-	-
NGO	-	-	-	-	-

Human resource

There are 5 regular and 3 contractual Ophthalmologists in the UT. Along with it 3 regular & 5 contractual PMOAs are also working under NPCB.

NPCB-MIS

Six NGOs are working under NPCB. No Ngo is entering data in NPCB-MIS.

Specific issues

Target provided for cataract surgery needs to be increased.

Dadra & Nagar Haveli

Dr. M.V.Dhodiam, SPO Dadra & Nagar Haveli made the presentation.

Eye Care infrastructure in the UT

Districts 1

District Hospital 1

No. of Vision centres 7

Eye Bank 0

Eye Donation Centre 0

Development of Eye Care Infrastructure during 11th plan

Facility	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
RIO	-	-	-	-	-
Medical College	-	-	-	-	-
District Hospital	-	Phaco, working	-	-	-
Vision centre	-	-	Equipments procured & functional		-
Eye Bank		-	-		-
NGO	-	-	-	-	-

Human resource

There is 1 contractual Ophthalmologists and 2 (1 regular & 1 contractual) PMOAs are working under NPCB.

NPCB-MIS

One NGO is working under NPCB and entering data in NPCB-MIS. Trainings have been done.

Specific issues

- MIS-Password frequently get blocked and needs to be changed.

Various observations, issues and follow up actions that emerged during the meeting are as given below:-

1. **Implementation of MIS Online Data** - It was observed that all the States are facing problems in registration of NGOs/Government Institutions on MIS web site. Some of States who have started registration are facing problems like frequent blocking of pass words, delay in getting new pass word, internet connectivity, non accessible DPM's account, requirement of regular MIS Assistant at DBCS office, non availability of technical person's phone number for clarifications from Centre, Refresher & updating trainings.

Action: It was made clear that no money would be released unless the NGO is registered under NPCB-MIS. DPMs have to ensure that no duplicate entry is made by the NGOs. Regarding MIS training it was suggested that apart from centre, states could take help of SPO Gujarat as Gujarat has already implemented MIS programme in their State. For any technical help from the Centre, Dr Rajshekhar & Mr. Ringe from NIC may

be contacted. The funds for appointment of DEO and reorientation training of DEO and DPMs can be met from their respective NRHM State funds.

2. **Utilization of funds-** NRHM Auditors delay in finalization of Balance Sheet.
Action: It was assured that matter will be discussed with concerned NRHM authorities.
3. **NGO outstanding liabilities-** Some of the State raised query for payment of outstanding NGO dues.

Action: It was made clear that all NGO dues were settled in 2007-08 and therefore no funds will be released for payment of liabilities before 2007-08. Settlement of NGO dues should be done within three months by the DPM after the 5% checking/ verification and no claim should be providing for more than two years.

4. **Eye Banks & Eye Donation Centres:** It was observed that cornea collection and utilization rate of the states is very less. However some of the states were showing higher utilization rate as they were accepting only transplantable corneas.

Action: It is unethical to deny any cornea collection on the basis of quality. Utilization of Corneas in Govt eye banks need to be improved. Eye bank procuring less than 50 eye balls/year may be renamed as Eye Donation Centres. States need to identify functional and non functional eye banks and close non functional eye eanks. Focus should be on IEC activities for Eye donation campaign. While providing grant in aid for eye banks, priority should be given to Govt. eye banks. Necessary action will be done for timely dissemination of guidelines and IEC Material for celebration of World Sight Day/ Eye Donation Fortnight/ Glaucoma Fortnights events.

5. **Training of Manpower :** It was observed that training of Eye Surgeons, Medical Officers, PMOAs, ASHA workers etc is not going well.

Action: Eye Surgeons/PMOAs should be encouraged to undergo trainings. GOI provides funds for training of eye surgeons and PMOAs while for ASHAs, teachers & others, funds may be met from respective NRHM budget.

6. **Contractual Manpower:** States are facing problem in hiring contractual staff due to poor salary structure.

Action: It was suggested that salary of the contractual staff may be provided as per NRHM norms. The additional amount may be asked from NRHM flexi pool.

7. **Vehicles:** Most of the states requested for vehicle.

Action: Vehicles may be taken from NRHM funds.

8. **Expedite procurement process-** States are finding difficulty in procurement of equipments due to difficult procurement policies and requested for central procurement or establishment of rate contract.

Action: SPOs may share the technical specifications/price or rate contract of equipments finalized with each other.

9. **Vision Centre-** Most of states are finding difficulty in establishment of Vision centres and requested for providing necessary guidelines.

Action: It was informed that guidelines are available on NPCB's website i.e. www.npcb.nic.in

10. **Strengthening of Government Sector:** Some of the States have observed improvement in Government Sector performance in respect of cataract surgeries etc. However most of the States suggested for providing incentives to State Govt's. Ophthalmologists doing cataract operation.

Action: All Eye Surgeons may be given a target of at least 700 Surgeries per Year. No honorarium/incentive should be given to Government doctors as it is part of their profession & duty. Ophthalmic Surgeons working in Medical Colleges & RIOs needs to perform as many surgeries as possible, so that they can impart trainings to Medical students.

11. **Trachoma-** Most of the states has not correct data on number of trachoma cases as most of the Ophthalmologists are not able to identify trachoma cases.

Action: It was requested that states especially where trachoma is prevalent / endemic should be vigilant about it and eye surgeons may be sensitized regarding the same.

12. **Target for cataract surgeries for the year 2012-13-** States like Assam, Jammu, Meghalaya requested for reduction in their targets while Chandigarh requested for increase in their targets.

Action: State targets are based on the population of the State/District and prevalence of Blindness. However if state thinks that the target provided are high, it may be reconsidered.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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