

Assessment of quality testing and drug approval process before dispatch for medicines under supply chain system of Punjab Health System Corporation

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Internship Report

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Punjab Health Systems Corporation (PHSC)

Introduction

The Corporation has been incorporated through legislative measures by the state Govt. of Punjab to bring more administrative flexibility for implementation of the "**Second State Health Systems Development Project**" with World Bank assistance to upgrade Health Services at secondary level. The Corporation has taken over 150 Institutions which includes District Hospitals, Sub-Divisional Hospitals and Community Health Centres. The 86 Medical Institutions are situated in rural areas and 64 are in Urban areas.

Constitution of the Corporation

(1) The Corporation shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power, subject to the provisions of the Punjab Health Systems Corporation Act, 1996, and the regulations made thereunder, to acquire, hold and dispose of property , and to enter into contracts, and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

(2) The Corporation shall consist of

(a) The Chairman of the Corporation who shall be the Secretary to the Government of Punjab in the Department of Health and Family Welfare OR a distinguished and eminent medical person;

(b) the Managing Director , who shall be an officer of the Indian Administrative Service;

(c) a Board of Directors; and such other employees, as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

(3) The salary and other terms and conditions of the Service of the Managing Director and those of the other employees of the Corporation shall be such , as may be specified by regulations.

Functions of the Corporation

The functions of the Corporation shall be as follows, namely:-

a) to formulate and implement the schemes for the comprehensive development of the dispensaries and hospitals;

b) to construct and maintain dispensaries and hospitals and maintenance of cleanliness therein;

- c) to implement National Health Programs as per the directions of the State. The State Government and Central Government shall make available funds for this purpose;
- d) to purchase, maintain and allocate quality equipment to various dispensaries and hospital;
- e) To procure , stock and distribute drugs, diet , linen and other consumable among the dispensaries and hospital;
- f) to provide services of specialists and super-specialist in various hospitals;
- g) to enter into collaboration for super specialties with health institutions both within the country or abroad to provide better medical care;
- h) to receive donations, funds and the like from the general public and institutions from both within and outside India;
- i) to receive grants or contributions which may be made by the Government on such conditions as it may impose;
- j) to provide for construction of houses to the employees of the dispensaries and hospital, and the maintenance thereof by mobilizing resources for financing institutions;
- k) to plan, construct and maintain commercial complexes, paying wards and providing diagnostic services and treatment on payment basis and to utilize the receipts for the improvement of the hospital and dispensaries ;
- l) to run public utility service and undertake any other activity of commercial nature for the delivery of health care within or without the hospital premises directly or in collaboration with private or voluntary agency on contracts basis ;
- m) to engage specialized agencies or individuals in the relevant disciplines, directly or from external sources for the efficient and expeditious conduct of any of the functions detailed above; and
- n) to provide immediate treatment in case of emergency and for unaccompanied patients.

The Projects

Second State Health Systems Development Project:

"Secondary or First Referral Level Health Services" means clinical, diagnostic and other services provided by community/rural, sub-divisional/taluka/state general and district hospitals in the State of Punjab;

The World Bank sanctioned the Second State Health Systems Development Project of US\$ 106.10 million to upgrade the envisaged areas of up-graduation.

Loan Rs. 252.00 crore
Grant Rs. 127.00 crore
Share of the State Govt. Rs. 43.00 crore

As per the suggestions, the Project for revamping the Secondary Level Health Care Services was proposed to help in:

- Adding & renovating hospital building at the block, sub-divisional and district headquarter;
- Supplementation of accommodation for essential staff;
- Provision of more ambulances and better machinery and equipment;
- Increase in body strength at some places;
- Additional hospital linen and accessories ; and
- Maintenance funds for building, vehicles, machinery and equipment.

The Benefits to the General Public:

1. Free consultation for all ;
 2. Free diagnostic analysis, medicines and also treatment like operations , etc. for Yellow Card holders, Punjab Government Employees, Pensioners, past & present Members of Legislative Assembly, Hon'ble Judges, Freedom Fighters, under trial Prisoners, under emergencies and natural calamities and under National Programs ;
 3. Full availability of equipment and chemicals, etc. for diagnostic facilities ;
- Cleanliness, repair and up-keep of all building would be better;
 - The whole of the State is to be covered through 86 Government Health Centers in the rural areas.

Steps for the betterment of employees:

1. Chance of foreign training for all Doctors and Para-medical staff ;
- Substantial training opportunities and fellow-ships, etc. within the country;
 - Doctors would also get a chance to work in their areas of specialization; and
 - No change in the terms & conditions of the services, Establishment matters will remain wherever they are .

The Objectives of the Project are:

The objectives of proposed project would be to assist to Govt. of Punjab to :

1. to improve efficiency in the allocation and use of health resources in the Project States through policy and institutional development ; and

2. to improve the performance of the health care system in the Project States through improvements in the quality, effectiveness and coverage of health services at the first referral level and selective coverage at the primary level, so as to improve the health status of the people, especially the poor. By reducing mortality morbidity and disability

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