



Strengthening NQAS Certifications in Aspirational Blocks

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Distribution of Level of Health facilities in Aspirational Blocks







Building Blocks of National Quality Assurance Standards

Haemodialysis Unit

Labour Room, Maternity Operation Theatre

Paediatrics OPD, SNCU, NRC, Paediatrics Ward

Accident & Emergency, ICU, Laboratory, Operation Theatre, Radiology

OPD, Maternity Ward, IPD, Post partum Unit, Blood Bank, Pharmacy, Auxiliary, Mortuary, General Administration



Leverage the part certification under NQAS



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भारत सरकार स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय निर्माण भवन, नई दिल्ली-110011 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE NIRMAN BHAVAN, NEW DELHI - 110011

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<u>Certification of Public Health Facilities against National Quality</u> <u>Assurance Standards</u>

After launch of the National Quality Assurance Programme, States and UTs have been supported for operationalization of Quality Assurance Units at State and District level and capacity building of the quality teams. However, only a few public health facilities have been certified under NQAS.

It is understandable that obtaining certification of all of its departments (18 departmental check lists for DH, 12 departmental check lists for CHC, 6 check lists for PHC and 12 Thematic check lists for Urban PHC) could be overwhelming for some of the public health facility managers. The matter has been considered in the Ministry. It is felt that the facility in-charge should be advised that they could start with obtaining certification of few service departments of health facilities. It will be a good idea to prioritize services such as RMNCH+A and Emergency Department services for QA certification. The National Certificate under NQAS would be issued for such departments of the health facilities on meeting the certification criteria during external assessment. The incentive structure under NHM is proposed to be suitably modified to reward States based on number of health facilities may have been certified.

Criteria for QA certification of DH, CH and PHC are enclosed as Annexure I, II and III for ready reference.

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Yours sincerely,

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Principal Secretary (Health) of all States / UTs

Certification Criteria for National Certification

Criteria No.	Criteria	District Hospital	СНС	РНС/АРНС	HWC (SC)
Ι	Aggregate Score	Aggregate score $\geq 70\%$	Aggregate score of ≥ 70%	Aggregate score of ≥ 70%	Aggregate score of ≥ 70%
II	Department Score	Individual Quality Score for all selected Department ≥ 70%	Individual Quality Score for all selected Department ≥ 70%	NA	Score of Each Service Package (Minimum 7 packages) <u>></u> 70%
III	Area of Concern Wise Score	Individual Quality Score of all 8 area of concern ≥ 70%	Individual Quality Score of all 8 area of concern ≥ 70%	Individual Quality Score of all 8 area of concern ≥ 60%	Individual Quality Score of all 8 area of concern ≥ 70%
IV	Critical Standards	Standard A2, B5 and D10 <u>≥</u> 70%	Standard A2, B5 and D8 ≥60%	Standard A2, B4 and F6 <u>></u> 60%	Standard A1, D3, D4, D5, G2 <u>≥</u> 60%
V	Standards wise Score	Individual Standard wise score ≥ 50%	Individual Standard wise score ≥ 50%	Individual Standard wise score ≥ 50%	Individual Standard wise $\geq 50\%$
VI	Patient Satisfaction Score	PSS -70% in the preceding Quarter or more (Satisfied & Highly Satisfied on Mera- Aspataal) or Score of 3.5 on Likert Scale	PSS- 65% in the preceding Quarter or more (Satisfied & Highly Satisfied on Mera-Aspataal) or Score of 3.2 on Likert Scale	PSS- 60% in the preceding Quarter or more (Satisfied & Highly Satisfied on Mera-Aspataal) or Score of 3.0 on Likert Scale	PSS - 60% in the preceding Quarter or more on Mera- Aspataal) or Score of 3.0 on Likert scale.

Certification Criteria for State Certification

Criteria No.	Criteria	District Hospital	СНС	РНС/АРНС	HWC (SC)
Ι	Aggregate Score	Aggregate score $\geq 65\%$	Aggregate score of ≥ 65%	Aggregate score of ≥ 65%	Aggregate score of ≥ 65%
II	Department Score	Individual Quality Score for all selected Department ≥ 65%	Individual Quality Score for all selected Department ≥ 65%	NA	Score of Each Service Package (Minimum 7 packages) <u>></u> 65%
III	Area of Concern Wise Score	Individual Quality Score of all 8 area of concern ≥ 65%	Individual Quality Score of all 8 area of concern ≥ 65%	Individual Quality Score of all 8 area of concern ≥ 55%	Individual Quality Score of all 8 area of concern ≥ 65%
IV	Critical Standards	Standard A2, B5 and D10 <u>>65</u> %	Standard A2, B5 and D8 <u>>55</u> %	Standard A2, B4 and F6 <u>>55</u> %	Standard A1, D3, D4, D5, G2 <u>≥</u> 55%
V	Standards wise Score	Individual Standard wise score ≥ 45%	Individual Standard wise score ≥ 45%	Individual Standard wise score ≥ 45%	Individual Standard wise \geq 45%
VI	Patient Satisfaction Score	PSS -65% in the preceding Quarter or more (Satisfied & Highly Satisfied on Mera- Aspataal) or Score of 3.2 on Likert Scale	PSS- 60% in the preceding Quarter or more (Satisfied & Highly Satisfied on Mera-Aspataal) or Score of 3.0 on Likert Scale	PSS- 55% in the preceding Quarter or more (Satisfied & Highly Satisfied on Mera-Aspataal) or Score of 2.75 on Likert Scale	PSS - 55% in the preceding Quarter or more on Mera- Aspataal) or Score of 2.75 on Likert scale.



Type of facilities	Targets for NQAS Certification
District Hospitals	75%
Sub – District Hospitals	60%
Community Health Centres	60%
Primary Health Centres	60%
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	60%

Quality Certification Targets

- Health Secretary DO letter no. Z- 18015/26/2020 NHM – II , dated 22nd September 2021
- 14th Conference of Central Council of Health & Family Welfare (Swasthya Chintan Shivir) – 2022
- 2nd National Conference of Chief Secretaries Jan 2023
- NITI Aayog Aspirational Block Programme indicator – 2023
- NQAS Certification targets as per the State PIPs.

we must ensure quality at all levels of our health facilities, i.e., Health & wellness centres (HWCs), community Health centres (cHCs), District Hospitals, Medical College Hospitals, etc.







Overall Percentage of NQAS Certified Facilities*





Pan India Quality Assessor's Pool

Delhi	162/136
Chandigarh	24/6
Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	101/3
Goa	110/5
Lakshadweep	17/0
Puducherry	32/4
Internal Assessor	External Assessor
5821	1086





Aspirational Block Programme



- Announced by Honorable PM Shri Narendra Modi in Second National Conference of Chief Secretaries.
- Focuses on improving governance to enhance the quality of life of citizens in the most difficult and underdeveloped blocks of India
- It covers 500 blocks across 31 states and Union Territories, with over half of these blocks located in six states – Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal.

NQAS Indicator for Aspirational Blocks

Indicator	Numerator	Denominator
% of NQAS certified	Number of National NQAS certified	Total number of Public Health
facilities in block	facilities in Block + Number of State	Facilities in the aspirational
	NQAS certified facilities in the same	block (as per the state HMIS
	aspirational block	report)



Percentage of NQAS Certified Facilities in Aspirational Blocks*



Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified#	Percentage
District Hospitals	23	2	8.6%
Sub – District Hospitals	86	3	3.4%
Community Health Centres	718	31	4.3%
Primary Health Centres	2134	79	3.7%
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	12959	190	1.4%
TOTAL	15920	305	1.9%

* As on July 2023 # National + State







State wise picture

Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Community Health Centres	1	0	0%	1
Primary Health Centres	2	0	0%	2
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	40	0	0%	40
TOTAL	43	0	0%	43

Andhra Pradesh

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	2	0	0%	2
Community Health Centres	16	2	12.5%	14
Primary Health Centres	41	14	34.1%	27
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	196	109	55.6%	87
TOTAL	255	125	49%	130

Arunachal Pradesh

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Community Health Centres	2	0	0%	2
Primary Health Centres	3	0	0%	3
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	6	0	0%	6
TOTAL	11	0	0%	11

Assam

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	1	0	0%	1
Community Health Centres	17	0	0%	17
Primary Health Centres	94	0	0%	94
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	371	2	0.5%	369
TOTAL	483	2	0.4%	481

Bihar

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	4	0	0%	4
Community Health Centres	45	0	0%	45
Primary Health Centres	227	0	0%	227
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	1239	0	0%	1239
TOTAL	1515	0	0%	1515

Chhattisgarh

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	3	0	0%	3
Sub – District Hospitals	1	0	0%	1
Community Health Centres	27	0	0%	27
Primary Health Centres	98	9	9.1%	89
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	757	4	0.5%	753
TOTAL	886	13	1.4%	873

Dadra Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	1	0	0%	1
Sub – District Hospitals	1	0	0%	1
Community Health Centres	3	0	0%	3
Primary Health Centres	28	0	0%	28
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	94	1	1%	93
TOTAL	128	1	0.7%	127

Gujarat

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	1	0	0%	1
Community Health Centres	50	0	0%	50
Primary Health Centres	92	10	11.1%	82
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	605	6	0.9%	599
TOTAL	748	16	2.1%	732

Haryana

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	1	0	0%	1
Community Health Centres	7	0	0%	7
Primary Health Centres	76	3	3.9%	73
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	133	0	0%	133
TOTAL	218	3	1.3%	215

Himachal Pradesh

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	4	0	0%	4
Community Health Centres	5	0	0%	5
Primary Health Centres	34	0	0%	34
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	94	0	0%	94
TOTAL	137	0	0%	137

Jammu & Kashmir

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Community Health Centres	1	0	0%	1
Primary Health Centres	26	0	0%	26
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	64	0	0%	64
TOTAL	91	0	0%	91

Jharkhand

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	1	0	0%	1
Community Health Centres	31	0	0%	31
Primary Health Centres	46	1	2%	45
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	511	6	1.1%	505
TOTAL	589	7	1.1%	582

Karnataka

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	5	0	0%	5
Community Health Centres	11	0	0%	11
Primary Health Centres	77	2	2.5%	75
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	279	1	0.3%	278
TOTAL	372	3	0.8%	369

Kerala

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	3	1	33.3%	2
Sub – District Hospitals	4	0	0%	4
Community Health Centres	14	1	7.1%	13
Primary Health Centres	45	6	13.3%	39
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	402	0	0%	402
TOTAL	468	8	1.7%	460

Ladakh

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Community Health Centres	0	0	0%	0
Primary Health Centres	1	0	0%	1
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	16	0	0%	16
TOTAL	17	0	0%	17

Madhya Pradesh

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	1	1	100%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	10	2	20%	8
Community Health Centres	58	6	10.3%	48
Primary Health Centres	177	7	3.9%	170
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	1456	6	0.4%	1450
TOTAL	1702	22	1.2%	1680

Maharashtra

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	1	0	0%	1
Sub – District Hospitals	14	0	0%	14
Community Health Centres	31	0	0%	31
Primary Health Centres	293	1	0.3%	292
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	952	0	0%	952
TOTAL	1291	1	0.07%	1290

Manipur

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Community Health Centres	3	0	0%	3
Primary Health Centres	0	0	0%	0
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	5	0	0%	5
TOTAL	8	0	0%	8

Meghalaya

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	2	0	0%	2
Sub – District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Community Health Centres	1	0	0%	1
Primary Health Centres	13	1	7.6%	12
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	33	0	0%	33
TOTAL	49	1	2%	48

Mizoram

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	1	0	0%	1
Community Health Centres	1	0	0%	1
Primary Health Centres	6	0	0%	6
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	36	0	0%	36
TOTAL	44	0	0%	44

Nagaland

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Community Health Centres	0	0	0%	0
Primary Health Centres	3	0	0%	3
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	22	0	0%	22
TOTAL	25	0	0%	25

Odisha

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	1	0	0%	1
Community Health Centres	34	2	5.8%	32
Primary Health Centres	102	3	2.9%	99
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	548	2	0.3%	546
TOTAL	685	7	1%	678
Punjab

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Community Health Centres	12	0	0%	12
Primary Health Centres	23	1	4.3%	22
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	177	2	1.1%	175
TOTAL	212	3	1.4%	209

Rajasthan

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	3	0	0%	3
Sub – District Hospitals	24	0	0%	24
Community Health Centres	92	2	2.1%	90
Primary Health Centres	171	2	1.1%	169
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	1135	0	0%	1135
TOTAL	1425	4	0.2%	1421

Sikkim

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	1	0	0%	1
Sub – District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Community Health Centres	0	0	0%	0
Primary Health Centres	1	0	0%	1
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	11	0	0%	11
TOTAL	13	0	0%	13

Tamil Nadu

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	5	0	0%	5
Community Health Centres	16	7	43.7%	9
Primary Health Centres	60	9	15%	51
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	355	0	0%	355
TOTAL	436	16	3.6%	420

Telangana

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Community Health Centres	0	0	0%	0
Primary Health Centres	9	7	77.7%	2
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	56	4	7.1%	52
TOTAL	65	11	16.9%	54

Tripura

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Sub – District Hospitals	1	0	0%	1
Community Health Centres	1	0	0%	1
Primary Health Centres	6	1	16.6%	5
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	30	1	3.3%	29
TOTAL	38	2	5.2%	36

Uttar Pradesh

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	3	0	0%	3
Sub – District Hospitals	0	0	0%	0
Community Health Centres	189	11	5.8%	178
Primary Health Centres	258	1	0.3%	257
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	2118	0	0%	2118
TOTAL	2568	12	0.4%	2556

Uttarakhand

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	1	0	0%	1
Sub – District Hospitals	2	0	0%	2
Community Health Centres	4	0	0%	4
Primary Health Centres	38	0	0%	38
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	125	0	0%	125
TOTAL	170	0	0%	170

West Bengal

Type of facilities	Total Facilities in Aspirational Blocks	Currently NQAS Certified (N+S)	Percentage Achieveme nt	Deficit (in number)
District Hospitals	3	0	0%	3
Sub – District Hospitals	3	1	33.3%	2
Community Health Centres	46	0	0%	46
Primary Health Centres	85	2	2.3%	83
Health & Wellness Centres – Sub Centres	1095	46	4.2%	1049
TOTAL	1232	49	3.9%	1183



Steps for Implementation

Mapping of the health care facilities which can easily achieve state/National certification

Set the monthly/quarterly targets for NQAS state and national certification

Conduct of internal assessment for all health facilities

Gap identification, gap closure and hand holding support

Prepare time bound action plan

Review the status of action plan fortnightly from district and once in month from state – physically or virtually

Conduct state assessment using external assessors & district Quality teams – as per set targets

Share the reports to the state quality assurance units





Way Forward

Strengthening of the state assessment and certification mechanism

Link the NQAS assessment with peer assessment & state assessment of Kayakalp

Liaison with district officials like DM, CMO/CMHO/JDMS for target setting & monitoring

Utilization of the internal and external assessors in the state assessment

Engagement of TISS and PHFI trained state officials in handholding of aspirational blocks/facilities

Involvement of CPHC/ Block program officials for regular monitoring of targeted HWCs in aspirational block

Engagement with academic institution for state assessment and maintaining repository of state certified facilities.

