

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AWARDING RESEARCH CONTRACTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the research contracts on various topics are awarded to Consultants, NGOs, Academic and Research Organisations;
- (b) if so, the criteria adopted for awarding the contracts;
- (c) the list of the research contracts with the name of the organizations awarded in the last three years and its progress;
- (d) whether research contracts are available on the website of the Ministry; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) : As per Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), grant-in-aid is provided under their Extra-mural Research Programme to scientists working in permanent positions in medical and other colleges, universities, research institutions, laboratories and non governmental organizations (NGOs) to conduct health research in specific fields of interest. Three types of projects are funded:

- i) ad-hoc projects : these are investigation oriented, in which a scientists develops a research project in his area of interest.
- ii) Task Force Oriented Projectes : There are centrally commissioned programmes on a time bound basis with specific objectives and targeted outcome. These are centrally initiated by ICMR in specific subject areas and identified scientists are invited to participate in the implementation of the project.
- iii) Centres for Advance Research : These projects are received from a scientist with outstanding achievements and recognition in any field. Alternatively, the ICMR may also identify a specific research need and call for applications from selected individuals/centers which have proven excellence in the same area and have necessary infrastructure to carry out further work. These Centres carry out in-depth research on a specifically identified research problem with the aim of reaching a scientific conclusion.

(b) The Criteria adopted for awarding projects include:

- i) need for research in a specific areas, the topic should have relevance to national health priorities.
- ii) generation of new knowledge to fill gap in science
- iii) scientific merit of the project
- iv) the investigator should be a permanent employee of an institution, have proven track record of academic excellence, should have undertaken some preliminary work on the topic,
- v) the host institute should provide the infrastructural support for conduct of the research
- vi) for NGOs or private institutions: should be registered as a research body with the Department of Science & technology
- vii) the Institution should observe all Government norms in incurring expenditure, and agree to provide an audited Statement Account by a statutory body or an AGCR recognized Chartered Accountant approved by the Government Body/Executive council of the Institute.

(c) The number of research projects funded to various category of organizations is as follows:

S.No. Category of Organisation 2004 2005 2006

1. Government Hospital	3	2	3
2. Private Hospitals	2	2	5
3. Government Medical College	27	21	28
4. Private Medical College	6	7	25
5. Government Research Institute	51	85	134
6. Private Research Institute	11	8	16
7. Government Department	1	-	1
8. University	9	19	43
9. Others	8	10	23

Total 118 154 278

(d) The list of all Scientists awarded research project by ICMR is available on the website of the ICMR (www.icmr.nic.in).

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.