

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FUNDS FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds earmarked, allocated and spent for medical research during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government has allocated funds to the States/UTs for the aforesaid purpose and if so, the details thereof indicating their status of utilisation during the said period, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Government to promote medical research and the funds earmarked/allocated for the purpose for the 12th Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a): The details of the funds earmarked, allocated and spent under plan scheme by ICMR/ DHR during last 3 years and current year is shown in Annexure-I.
- (b): Department of Health Research(DHR) allocated funds to project under different States for following new Schemes during 2013-14.
- (i) Allocated funds of Rs. 36.25 crores for establishing of 29 Multidisciplinary Research Units (MRU) in 20 States/UT.
- (ii) Allocated funds of Rs. 12.40 Crores for establishing Model Rural Health Scheme Units (MRHRU) in 8 States/UT.
- (iii) The DHR allocated a budget of Rs. 34 crores for establishing 2 Regional Viral Diagnostic Labs (VDL), 4 State-level Labs, and 8 Medical College Level Labs in 12 States & UT.
- (iv) ICMR supported around 2300 new research projects during above said period with a budget of Rs. 29.77 crores in medical colleges, universities and other S&T agencies under various States. The projects are at implementation stage.

No State/UT-wise allocation of funds is earmarked under the schemes. Funds are released to the medical Colleges/institutions as per provisions of respective schemes.

The details of projects sanctioned to States under the schemes of DHR during 2013-14 are given in Annexure-II, III and IV respectively. No funds have been released till date during the current financial years.

(c): The measures taken by DHR/ICMR to promote medical research in the country are as follows:-

Major initiatives:

Apart from looking after the work of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the Department of Health Research (DHR) has formulated and implemented following major Schemes to enhance and promote medical research in the country:

Multi-Disciplinary Research Units (MRUs) in Government Medical Colleges to strengthen health infrastructure and promote research mainly in the area of non-communicable diseases with an approved project cost of Rs. 503.83 crores. Total 80 such units have been approved to be established in State Govt Medical Colleges. MRUs have been sanctioned and work initiated for setting up such units in 29 Medical Colleges.

Model Rural Health Research Units in the States (MRHRUs) for taking technology from lab to field with an approved project cost of Rs. 67.66 crores. Total 15 such Units will be established. MRHRUs have been sanctioned and work initiated for setting up such units in 8 states during the year.

Scheme for establishment of Network of Laboratories for Managing Epidemics & Natural Calamities for enhancing research and capabilities in the area of virology and address issues related to outbreaks/epidemics and natural calamities has been sanctioned & rolled out with an approved project cost of Rs. 646.00 crores. Total 10 Regional, 20 State level and 130 Medical college level labs are to be established during XIIth plan across the length and breadth of the country. Sanction released and work initiated for 2 Regional, 4 State Level and 8 Medical College level labs.

Grant-in-Aid for Inter-sectoral Convergence & Coordination for Promotion & Guidance on Health Research with an approved project cost of Rs. 1242.00 crores. The scheme has been rolled out in March, 2014 with sanction of 43 projects.

Scheme on 'Human Resource Development for Health Research with an approved project cost of Rs. 597.00 crores. The Scheme has been rolled out in March, 2014 with sanction of 19 fellowships and support to 3 Institutes.

Setting up of advanced centers for research in the area of basic medical sciences, chronic non-communicable diseases, communicable diseases, nutrition, mother and child health and new institutes/centres/field units for research on ageing, health economic & policy research, climate change and vector borne diseases during the XII Plan.

The funds earmarked/allocated for the purpose for 12th five year plan are given in Annexure V.

