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In order to reduce the diagnostic time in various viral diseases e.g. H1N1, influenza, swine flu etc. and to put in place an early warning system for various viral epidemics, the Union Cabinet has approved a Centrally Sponsored Plan scheme on 27th June 2013 for establishing a network of regional, state and local Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs) across the country.

2. The Government of India will set up over 160 viral research and diagnostic laboratories across the country in this Scheme. Under the Scheme 5 VRDLs (one State level and four Medical College level) are to be established in your State. Once these laboratories will be functional, it is expected that any viral epidemic occurring in your State will be diagnosed quickly to improve the public health response to these viral diseases/epidemics.

3. The performance of this scheme with respect of Assam was reviewed and it was revealed that only two locations so far has been finalised for medical college level laboratories. The preparatory work at the other three medical college level locations are yet to be finalised. Also, various administrative issues were found needing attention pertaining particularly to the procurement of the equipment, renovation/construction of buildings and other miscellaneous preparatory works. I am also attaching a list of such administrative issues pertaining Assam needing urgent attention.

4. Although most of the Viral Research & Diagnostic Laboratories are being established in the Medical Colleges and the involvement of Medical College administration has been encouraging, however, it is felt that involvement of the State Medical Education Department would help in accelerating the pace of the implementation of this scheme.

5. We are also planning a review of this schemes pertaining to Assam in near future and I would request for the time, date and venue of the review meeting shortly. Meanwhile, the issues identified may please be got addressed and a nodal officer from the state government to please be nominated for this scheme, with his full communication details. As such proactive involvement of the Medical Education Department of the State Government is solicited.

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6. For the sake of convenience, the approved guidelines for the further scheme can be accessed at the website of Department of Health Research at www.dhr.gov.in. For any clarification, the undersigned or Dr. Nivedita Gupta, Scientist E /Deputy Director, Indian Council of Medical Research, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi – 110029 (Mobile No.9313978049/ Office No.26589397) may also be contacted.

with regards.

Yours sincerely


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ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

ASSAM	LOCATIONS ALREADY IDENTIFIED:	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:
	<p>State Level Laboratory: Guwahati Medical College, Guwahati</p>	<p>1. Funds to the tune of Rs. 2,97, 00,000/- were released by DHR, in December 2014, for establishment of a State level VRDL at Guwahati Medical College, Guwahati (Rs. 1.98 cr for equipment; 0.5 cr for renovation / civil work; 0.49 for staff and consumables. The medical college should expedite the work.</p> <p>2. Utilisation Certificate in respect of funds already utilised may please be furnished at the earliest.</p>
	<p>Medical College Level Silchar Medical College</p>	<p>3. Though the location has already been identified and approved by DHR, MoA in this regard duly by the State Government is still awaited for want of which release of funds is held up.</p>
		<p>4. Action needs to be initiated by the State Government for suggesting the location of remaining 3 VRDLs.</p>
		<p>5. Process of Procurement of Equipment and renovation/ construction of premises for laboratories, etc may please be expedited, if necessary administrative approvals/ enhancement of financial powers of HOD/ Director of the medical college may be considered.</p>