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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 6 VRDLs (one State level and 5 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 Bihar was reviewed and it was revealed that only three location so far has been finalised for medical college level laboratories. The preparatory work at the other three (1 State level and 2 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 Bihar 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 Bihar 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 BIHAR

Bihar	<p>Medical College Level Labs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Patna Medical College, Patna, (Bihar) 2. S. K. Medical College, Muzzafarpur, Bihar 3. Darbhanga Medical College, Darbhanga, Bihar* 	<p>ISSUES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pending receipt of proposal from the State Government, 2 Medical Colleges for Medical College Level Laboratory and 1 medical college for State Level Laboratory are yet to be identified. Please expedite the same. 2. Darbhanga Medical College, Darbhanga, is already identified for Medical College Level Laboratory, however, MoA has not been signed by the State till date. This may please be expedited. 3. State Govt. to take proactive steps to overcome the crises of manpower and space for the establishment of VRDLs at A.N. Magadh Medical College & Hospital, Gaya; Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Bhagalpur and Vardhman Ayurvedigyan Sansthan, Pawapuri. State Government is requested to take urgent necessary action and inform the DHR accordingly. 4. Funds to the tune of Rs. 1,30,00,000/- were released by DHR, in March 2014, for establishment of a Medical College Level VRDL at Patna Medical College, Patna (Rs. 0.7 crore for equipment; Rs. 0.37 crore for renovation/civil work of the lab and Rs. 0.23 crore as recurring budget for staff and consumables). Patna Medical College, Patna, (Bihar) should expedite the work. 5. Utilisation certificate in respect of the funds already utilised by the Medical colleges may please be furnished at the earliest.
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