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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 27<sup>th</sup> 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. These VRDLs are being established in the selected Government Medical Colleges across the country. Under the Scheme one State Level VRDL is to be established in your State. Once this laboratory is made functional, it is expected that any viral epidemic occurring in your State will be diagnosed quickly and improve the public health response to these viral diseases/epidemics. While reviewing the progress of this scheme in respect of Goa it has been noticed that the State Government has not sent any proposal/MoA suggesting the location of this State Level VRDL.

3. We are also planning a review of this schemes pertaining to Goa 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.

4. 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](http://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. Since there are competing demands from other States for funds for establishing these VRDLs, it is requested that the detailed proposal/MoA, as per the guidelines, may be sent to ICMR at the earliest so that funds for Goa can be tied up.

Yours sincerely

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May please co-ordinate with the State Nodal Officer and get the issues raised sorted out.



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ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED BY GOA FOR SETTING UP OF ONE  
STATE LEVEL VRDL

1.	Identification of Medical Institute where the State level is yet to be established.
2.	Identification of 250-300 sq. mt. space for State level VRDL within the identified medical institution.
3.	Appointing a Nodal Officer from the identified institutions for interaction with DHR
4.	Preparation of a detailed project proposal in respect of all the locations.
5.	Signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with DHR.

