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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 five 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 Kerala was reviewed and it was revealed that only three locations (1 for State level and 2 for Medical College level) so far have been finalised. 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 Kerala 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 Kerala 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 KERALA

KERALA	LOCATIONS ALREADY IDENTIFIED:	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:
	<p>Medical College Level Government Medical College, Trivandrum</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A total budget of Rs.1, 29, 00, 000/- were released by DHR, in December 2014, for establishment of a Medical College level VRDL at Government Medical College, Trivandrum (Rs. 0.7 cr for equipment; Rs. 0.37 cr for renovation/civil works and 0.22 cr for staff and consumables). 2. The medical college should expedite the work. 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. 3. Utilisation Certificate in respect of funds already utilised may please be furnished at the earliest.
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Action needs to be initiated by the State Government for suggesting the location of remaining 3 VRDL.

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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 three VRDLs (one State Level and two Medical College Level) are to be established in your State. Once these laboratories are made 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. While reviewing the progress of this scheme in respect of Jharkhand it has been noticed that the State Government has not sent any proposal/MoA suggesting the location of these VRDLs.

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

With regards.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Dr. Mahapatra,

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. At the regional level, RMRC, Bhubaneswar has been identified as one of the location for setting up of a Regional Level VRDL and assigned the important role of monitoring and keeping surveillance of existing as well as new strains of viruses. The proposed VRDL will be equipped with BSL-3 facilities. The other important function assigned to RMRC, Bhubaneswar is to act as a mentor and lead the other VRDLs of the region.
3. 100% funding assistance is provided by DHR for such Regional VRDLs which inter alia includes civil works/ furnishing and equipment etc. for microbiological and epidemiological diagnosis for serology, polymerase chain reaction, isolation, tissue culture and sequencing for all viruses, in addition to equipment like DNA sequencer, micro array, liquid chromatography mass spectrometer, etc. to carry out basic and applied research at a total estimated cost of Rs.15 crores.
4. The foremost objective of the scheme, of sending early warning of any new viral out-break, can be achieved only once the chain of VRDLs is complete at all levels across the country. It is, therefore, requested that a proposal for setting up a regional level VRDL may please be forwarded to DHR at the earliest so that funds for the same could be tied up. I am also attaching a list of major administrative issues for your information and urgent action in this regard.

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