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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. At the regional level, PGIMER, Chandigarh has been assigned the important role by monitoring and keeping surveillance on existing as well as new strains of viruses. Accordingly it is proposed to establish a VRDL equipped with BSL-3 facilities. The other important function assigned to PGIMER, Chandigarh is to act as a mentor and lead the other VRDLs of the region.

3. 100% funding assistance is provided by DHR for the 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. As a start-up, funds to the tune of Rs.6.31 crores have already been released to PGIMER, Chandigarh in March, 2014 to take up civil works/renovation and procurement of equipment in a phased manner.

4. A review meeting held on 18th February, 2015 emphasised that the speed of implementation of the scheme, particularly civil works and procurement of equipment may be given a fresh thrust. I hope considerable progress might have been achieved by now and the funds also might have been utilised. During the review meeting various administrative issues were found needing attention. I am attaching a statement of these issues for quick settlement. We are planning a second review of this scheme pertaining to PGIMER, Chandigarh in near future and I would request for the time, date and venue shortly.

5. For the sake of convenience, the approved guidelines for the scheme can also 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,

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Yours sincerely


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ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN RESPECT OF PGIMER, CHANDIGARH

	FUNDS RELEASED	ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED
1.	<p>DHR has already released first instalment of Rs. 6.03 crore</p> <p>1. Civil works and furnishing- Rs. 2.01 cr.</p> <p>2. Equipment - Rs. 4.3 crore</p>	<p>1. EOIs was to be invited. Further progress about floating/ finalization of tenders may please be intimated.</p> <p>2. Procurement – Procurement of equipment need to be expedited.</p> <p>a. Technical specifications of some of the equipment needs to be decided</p> <p>b. In some cases the specifications have been settled, however, tenders have been floated/yet to be floated. In many of the cases the orders have been placed and in two cases delivery has been effected.</p> <p>Please hold a review and speed up the process to make the laboratory functional.</p>
		<p>3. Nodal Officer, Dr. R.K. Ratho may please be advised to take suitable steps for making the laboratory functional at the earliest.</p>
		<p>4. Utilisation Certificate may please be sent at the earliest so that next instalment of funds could be released.</p>