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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, RMRC, Dibrugarh 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 RMRC, Dibrugarh 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 RMRC, Dibrugarh on 15th March, 2014 to take up civil works/renovation and procurement of equipment in a phased manner.

4. In the review meeting held on 28th April, 2015 at RMRC, Dibrugarh, we have decided to speed up the implementation of the scheme, particularly civil works and procurement of equipment. 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 keeping in view the possible onset of JE/AE outbreaks in the near future. We are planning a second review of this scheme pertaining to RMRC, Dibrugarh in near future.

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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I would appreciate compliance report on the actionable points.

Yours sincerely



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ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN RESPECT OF RMRC, DIBRUGARH

	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. Although funds have been placed at the disposal of CPWD by RMRC, Dibrugarh they have not reported any further progress.</p> <p>2. Procurement – Process for procurement of 11 equipment appears to be initiated. The process may be speeded up.</p>
		<p>3. The program for procurement of remaining equipment may be drawn.</p> <p>4. Nodal Officer, Dr. Biswajyoti Borkakoty may please be advised to take suitable steps for making the laboratory functional at the earliest.</p>
		<p>5. Utilisation Certificate may please be sent at the earliest so that next instalment of funds could be released.</p>