**Establishment of Model Rural Health Research Units (MRHRUs) in the States**

This scheme has been launched based on successful experience of ICMR at Ghatampur (UP). It is a path breaking initiative for transfer of technology for early diagnosis and management of various diseases for the benefit of rural population. The Scheme aims to set up 15 MRHRUs during 12th Five Year Plan at a total estimated cost of Rs. 67.67 Crore.

**Objective of the Scheme**:

* Create infrastructure at the periphery for transfer of technology to the rural areas for improving the quality of health services of rural population.
* To ensure an interface between the new technology developers (Researchers in the Medical
* Institutions; State or Centre), health systems operators (Centre or state health services) and the beneficiaries (communities in rural areas)
* Ensure the much needed geographical spread of health research infrastructure in the rural areas.

**Funding Norms :**

Rs. 3.075 Crores per MRHRU for civil works (Rs.2.075 cr) and Equipment (Rs.1.00 cr). Besides, recurring expenditure of Rs.84.44 lakhs towards staffing and consumables, etc.

**Action expected from the States:**

To provide requisite land sufficient to construct covered space of about 620 sq. meters, in close proximity to the PHC/CHC, free of cost.

**Status of Implementation**

1. During 2013-14, Rs. 12.40 Crores has been released as first instalment to Eight MRHRUs in the State of Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Karnataka, Punjab, Maharashtra.
2. During 2014-15, Rs. 13.00 Crore released which comprised of Rs. 6.00 crore as first installment @ Rs.1.50 crore to four MRHRUs in the State of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh and Rs. 7.00 Crore released as second instalment to five MRHRUs sanctioned in first phase.
3. During 2015-16, Rs. 50.00 lakhs each has been released to 6 MRHRUs viz. Andhra Pradesh, Himachal, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha and Punjab.
4. During 2016-17, Rs. 6.00 Cr was released including 2nd and 3rd instalment to the respective MRHRUs.
5. During 2017-18, Rs. 8.12 was released which comprises of first instalment to new MRHRUs i.e Jharkhand and West Bengal and 2nd instalment to 7 MRHRUs and 3rd instalment to 5 MRHRUs.
6. The list of 14 approved MRHRUs in various States is given in Annexure –I.

**Financial Achievement:**

**Rs. in Crore**

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| **Year** | **B. E.** | **R. E.** | **Actual Expenditure** |
| 2013-14 | 10.00 | 12.50 | 12.40 |
| 2014-15 | 20.00 | 13.00 | 13.00 |
| 2015-16 | 10.00 | 6.50 | 6.50 |
| 2016-17 | 6.00 | 6.00 | 6.00 |
| 2017-18 | 9.00 | 11.0 | 8.12 |
| 2018-19 | 13.00 | - | - |