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Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Department of Health Research

2nd Floor, IRCS Building,
Red Cross Road, New Delhi-110001
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To

Principal Investigators/Fellows of Ongoing Projects under various categories of Human Resource Development (HRD) Scheme of Department of Health Research (DHR)

Subject: Extension of duration of ongoing projects under various categories of HRD Scheme of DHR due to COVID-19 pandemic - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, it has been decided to extend all the ongoing projects under various categories of HRD Scheme of DHR whose project duration (with/without extension) is going to end in first two (2) quarters of current financial year 2021-22 (i.e. 1st April 2021 to 30th September 2021), on the basis of availability of requests from Principal Investigators/Fellows of the projects. These projects would be extended on "no cost basis" for six (6) months beyond their project ending date (with/without extension). This extension will be applicable for the projects which are presently in their final year.

2. This extension will also be applicable for the projects extended by DHR in last two quarters of previous financial year. These projects will be further extended for six (6) months, if required, from the revised date of project completion.

3. Principal Investigators/Fellows who want to extend their project duration, may show this letter to their Host Institutes. No separate order will be issued for this duration.

4. Principal Investigators/Fellows are advised to complete their project work, to accomplish the project objectives and to submit their project completion report to DHR in time.

5. It is also advised to refund the amount of interest earned during the project duration or closing amount at completion along with the Utilization Certificate (UC) and Statement of Expenditure (SOE).

6. Moreover, the unspent amount of recurring and non-recurring grant shall also be allowed to carry forward from 2020-21 to 2021-22 for the projects sanctioned in 2020-21.

7. This issues with the approval of Secretary (DHR).

Yours faithfully,


(Daulat Ram Meena)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India