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

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To

1. Directors of ICMR Institutes (As per enclosed list)
2. Nodal Officers of Model Rural Health Research Units (As per enclosed list)

Subject: Administrative Approval for continuation of Central Sector Scheme of establishing Model Rural Health Research Units (MRHRUs) during the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission period (2021-22 to 2025-26).

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to convey administrative approval of the competent authority for continuation of the central Sector scheme of establishing Model Rural Health Research Units (MRHRUs) during the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission period from 2021-22 to 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs. 192.36 crore. Additionally, an outlay of Rs.5.00 crore for Multi Centric Projects & Clinical Trial Network shall be provided in the Budget for Pradhan Mantri Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana (PM-ASBY). Year-wise financial outlays of the scheme are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Years	Ongoing MRHRUs		New MRHRUs		Admn. Expenses	Total Outlay	Multi Centric Projects & Clinical Trials under PMASBY
	Non-recurring	Recurring	Non-recurring	Recurring			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
2021-22	37.14	15.64	03.00	01.84	0.20	57.82	01.00
2022-23	00.00	17.48	06.15	03.68	0.20	27.51	01.00
2023-24	00.00	19.32	06.15	05.52	0.20	31.19	01.00
2024-25	00.00	21.16	06.15	07.36	0.20	34.87	01.00
2025-26	00.00	23.00	07.65	10.12	0.20	40.97	01.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>37.14</b>	<b>96.60</b>	<b>29.10</b>	<b>28.52</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>192.36</b>	<b>05.00</b>

2. At present, there are 28 MRHRUs sanctioned under the Scheme as per details in Annexure-I and the scheme envisages setting up of 11 new MRHRUs from 2021-22 to 2025-26 as per the year wise schedule given below:

Year	New MRHRUs to be set up during 15 <sup>th</sup> Finance Commission period
2021-22	02
2022-23	02
2023-24	02
2024-25	02
2025-26	03
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>

3. The decision with regard to the location shall be in consultation with the concerned state government and the designated mentoring ICMR Institute taking into account disease burden of the area and other factors.

4. The norms of grant-in-aid to be released under the Scheme to each MRHRU shall be as under:

(in Rs. Crore)

Activity	Grant-in-aid
<b>Non-recurring</b>	
Civil Works	2.075 (to be released in two instalments of Rs.1.00 crore and Rs.1.075 crore)
Equipment	1.00 (to be released in two instalments of Rs.0.50 crore each)
<b>Recurring</b>	
Salaries	0.42 per annum
Training/consumables/ contingencies	0.50 per annum

5. Grant-in-aid to the 28 existing MRHRUs shall continue to be released after taking into account the grant already released in previous years and the progress of research work. The units approved before 01.04.2021 will also be governed by the norms of grants-in-aid given in para 4 above.

6. Each MRHRU shall function under the mentoring charge of a designated Institute of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). The grant-in-aid for each MRHRU shall be released to the respective mentoring Institute of the ICMR, as indicated in Annexure-I. The flow of funds shall be through the Public Finance Management System (PFMS) and in compliance with the requirement of registration and booking of expenditure under EAT Module, as per the practice followed in respect of other similar schemes under the Deptt. of Health Research.

7. The scheme does not envisage creation of any regular posts in any of the MRHRUs. Details of contractual positions allowed for each MRHRU and remuneration for each such position shall be as indicated in the Table below:

(in Rs.)

Sl. No.	Name of the post	No of Posts	Monthly remuneration
1	Scientist – C (Medical)	01	67,000/- + HRA
2	Scientist – C (non-medical)	01	67,000/- + HRA
3	Technical Assistant (Statistician)	01	35,000/-
4	Technical Assistant (Research)	01	20,000/- + HRA
5	Assistant Multipurpose	01	31,000
6	Technician - C (Lab Technician)	01	20,000/- + HRA
7	Data Entry Operator	01	20,000
8	Group-D/MTS	01	18,000

The expenditure on establishment, including salaries, in respect of the above contractual positions at MRHRU shall be borne under the 'salaries' head of grants-in-aid under the scheme. None of these positions shall be deemed to confer any right for regular appointment in the DHR or ICMR.

## 8. Creation of Clinical Trial Network

In line with mandate of the Department, it has been decided to use the existing network of MRHRUs to undertake Clinical Trials. Of the existing MRUs/MRHRUs, six MRUs/MRHRUs will be designated as Regional Centres for undertaking Clinical Trials as well along with bio-medical research.

The MRHRUs designated as Regional Clinical Trial Centres will have the following additional contractual staff:

S. No.	Name of the Post	No of Posts	Remuneration per month
1	Project Technical Officer	1	32,000/-
2	Data Entry Operator	1	20,000/-
3	Lab technician	1	20,000/- + HRA
4	UDC/LDC	1	20,000/-

Funds for recurring and non-recurring expenditure for establishing and running the Regional Clinical Trial Centres and sub-centres will be provided by the Department of Health Research under the Scheme for Pradhan Mantri Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana (PM-ASBY), as mentioned in Para 1 above. Detailed guidelines for Regional Clinical Trial Centres prescribing the objectives, staffing pattern, modus operandi, funding norms and pattern shall be notified, separately.

09. For overall monitoring of implementation of the MRHRU scheme, the following regular/contractual positions are provided for in the Project Management and Implementation Unit at DHR Headquarters:

(in Rs.)

S.No.	Designation	No. of posts	Remuneration per month
1.	Project Manager	01	80,000-90,000/-
2.	Finance Manager/ Consultant (Finance & Accounts)	01	60,000/-
3	Scientist C (Medical )	02	67,000/- + HRA as per city rate
4	Scientist C (Non-Medical)		67,000/- + HRA as per city rate
5	Administrative Officer	1	40,000/-
6	DEO	2	20,000/-
7	MTS	1	18,000/-

Note: PMIU will be common for MRU and MRHRU schemes.

For co-ordinating and monitoring the functioning of the Clinical Trials Network at DHR Headquarters, the following additional staff shall also be positioned in the PMIU at the Headquarters:

(in Rs.)

S. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Posts	Monthly Remuneration
1.	Biostatistician	01	32,000
2.	IT Professional	02	1,00,000
3.	Data Monitor CRA	01	31,000
4.	Legal Expert (outsourced)	01	-
5.	Account Assistant/UDC	01	20,000

10. The expenditure on establishment, including salaries, in respect of the above contractual/regular positions at DHR Headquarters shall be borne on the Budget of DHR Headquarters. No provision for these positions is accordingly made under the Schemes of MRUs/MRHRUs. However, salaries to the additional contractual staff for clinical trial network will be provided by the Department of Health Research under the Scheme for Pradhan Mantri Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana (PM-ASBY).

11. The payment of contractual remuneration under the scheme would be further regulated by the following conditions:

- Increase in remuneration @5% every two years
- Where HRA is to be paid, the average cost has been worked out by adding basic remuneration +20%. However, actual payment will be based on respective city rates i.e. 24/16/8% for X/Y/Z cities.
- If due to revised structure, any official gets less than what is being paid currently due to length of service and earning of increments, the existing pay will be protected till he/she reaches the same level under the revised structure.
- The DEO/MTS will not be paid less than what is admissible under the Minimum Wages Act of respective State Governments.

12. The grantee institution shall ensure full compliance with all the relevant provisions in the General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017 and other related instructions issued by the Government from time to time in the matter of procurement of equipment and other consumables and contingent expenditure, recruitments on contract and all other financial transactions.

13. 'Scheme Guidelines' for regulating other terms and conditions of implementation of the Scheme, namely procedures for establishment of new MRHRUs, monitoring arrangements, adherence to financial guidelines, submission of progress reports and utilization certificates etc. are being issued, separately.

14. This administrative approval does not purport to be the authority for any actual release of funds to any existing or new MRHRU. The actual release of funds would continue to be subject to appraisal of utilisation certificates and progress reports on implementation of the scheme, in accordance with the existing procedures.

15. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare vide U.O. C D No. 629 dated 29.06.2021.

Yours faithfully

(Vinod Kumar)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

Copy, for information, to:

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**Annexure - I****Details of Model Rural Health Research Units (MRHRUs)**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Location of MRHRU</b>	<b>Linked Medical College</b>	<b>ICMR Mentor Institute</b>
1	Assam	PHC Chabua	Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh	ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre, Dibrugarh, Assam
2	Himachal Pradesh	CHC, Haroli, Una	Dr. RPGMC, Tanda, Kangra	ICMR- National Jalma Institute. for Leprosy & other. Mycobacterial Diseases, Agra
3	Tamil Nadu	State Rural Health Centre at Tirunelveli	Tirunelveli Medical College, Tirunelveli	ICMR- National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai
4	Tripura	Kherengbar Hospital, Khumulwng	Agartala Medical College, Agartala	ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre, Dibrugarh, Assam
5	Rajasthan	Bhanpur Kalan, Govt. Health Clinic, Jaipur	SMS Medical College, Jaipur	ICMR-National Institute for Implementation Research on Non-Communicable Diseases, Jodhpur
6	Maharashtra	Sub District Hospital, Dahanu, Thane	Grants Medical College and JJ Group of Hospital, Mumbai	ICMR- National Institute For Research In Reproductive Health, Mumbai
7	Punjab	CHC Bhunga, Hoshiarpur	Govt. Medical College, Amritsar	ICMR- National Institute of Pathology, New Delhi
8	Karnataka	PHC, Sirwar, ManviTaluk, Raichur	Raichur Institute. of Medical Sciences, Raichur	ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai
9	Andhra Pradesh	Old RHTC Premises, Chandragiri ,	S.V. Medical College, Tirupati	ICMR- National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad
10	Odisha	Block, CHC, Tigiria	SCB Medical Collge, Cuttak	ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre, Bhubaneshwar
11		CHC Sheragada, Ganjam, Odisha	MKCH Medical college, Berhampur	ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre, Bhubaneshwar, Odisha
12	Madhya Pradesh	PHC Badoni, Datia	GR Medical College, Gwalior	ICMR- National Institute of Research In Tribal Health, Jabalpur
13	Chhattisgarh	CHC Jheet, Patan Block, Durg District	Govt. Medical College Rajnandagaon	ICMR- National Institute of Research In Tribal Health, Jabalpur
14	West Bengal	North Bengal Medical College (NBMC), Darjeeling (A rural hospital and designated Rural Health Training Centre)	North Bengal Medical College, Darjeeling	National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases (NICED), Kolkata

S.No	State	Location of MRHRU	Linked Medical College	ICMR Mentor Institute
15	Jharkhand	Angara CHC, Ranchi	Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Ranchi	ICMR-National Institute of Malaria Research, New Delhi & National Institute of Malaria Research field unit Itki, Ranchi
16		CHC Namkum	Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Ranchi	ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
17	Gujarat	RHTC Sachin, Surat	Govt. Medical College, Surat	ICMR-National Institute of Occupational Health, Ahmedabad
18	Kerala	CHC, Chettikade, Alappuzha	Govt. Medical College, Alappuzha	ICMR-National Institute of Virology, Pune, Maharashtra
19	Jammu & Kashmir	PHC Khag, Budgam	Govt. medical College, Srinagar	ICMR-National Institute of Pathology (NIOP), Delhi
20	Nagaland	PHC Niuland, Dimapur	There is no medical College, so CHC Niuland will be the linked to MRHRU	ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre, Dibrugarh, Assam
21	Arunachal Pradesh	CHC Sagalee, Papum Pare	Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Sciences (TRIHMS), Neharlagun	ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre, Dibrugarh, Assam
22	Meghalaya	Sohra CHC East Khasi Hills	District Surveillance (IDSP), East Khasi Hills	ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre, Dibrugarh, Assam
23	Mizoram	PHC, Aizwal, Mizoram	Zoram Medical college	ICM-Regional Medical Research Centre, Dibrugarh, Assam
24	Puducherry	CHC Kanchepuram	Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences Rural Health Training Centre Chunampet Kanchipuram	ICMR-Vector Control Research Centre, Puducherry
25	Haryana	CHC, Kotpura	Kalapana Chawla Govt. Medical College, Karnal, Haryana	ICMR-National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research, Noida
26	Andaman & Nicobar	Chouldari, South Andaman District	ANIMS, Port Blair	ICMR- Regional Medical Research Centre, Port Blair
27	Bihar	PHC, Kudhani Muzzafarpur	Sree Krishna College and Hospital, Muzzafarpur	ICMR-Rajendra Memorial Research Institute of Medical Sciences(ICMR), Patna
28	Telangana	PHC Janampet, Mahabubnagar	Govt. Medical College, Mahabubnagar	ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad