

No. R-15012/31/2020-HR-VRDL  
Government of India  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
Department of Health Research

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Red Cross Road, New Delhi- 110001  
Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2021

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:** Continuation of the Central Sector Scheme of Department of Health Research, Namely, the "Setting up of Nation-Wide Network of Laboratories for Managing Epidemics and National Calamities" during the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission period from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

In pursuance of the decisions taken in the meeting of the Standing Finance Committee (SFC) held on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Health Research (DHR), approval of the Competent Authority is hereby conveyed to the Continuation of the Central Sector Scheme of Department of Health Research, namely, the "Setting up of Nation-Wide Network of Laboratories of Managing Epidemics and National Calamities" during the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission period from 2021-22 to 2025-26 at an estimated cost of Rs 324 crore, as per following details:-

(Rs. in Cr.)

Description of item/component	Non- Recurring	Recurring	Total
New VRDL (42)	61.00	56.486	117.486
Committed Liabilities	52.00	150.714	202.714
PMIU	0.0	3.80	3. 80
Total	113.00	211.00	324.00

**2. Other terms and conditions of the approval are as follows:**

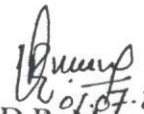
- i. There is no major change in the architecture or framework of the Scheme as originally approved except that some changes in funding norms for civil works/renovation and equipment and Salary and CCT for the various categories of VRDLs. have been made as per the requirement and feedback received and experience gained during previous years.
- ii. Funding norms for non-recurring and recurring expenditure are given in **Annexure-I**.
- iii. The revised funding norms for contractual staff of PMIUs and contractual staff at Regional Level, State level and Medical College Level Labs (**Annexure-II**).
- iv. The revision in remuneration of contractual staff both at the VRDLs and at the PIMUs would be applicable from 14/06/2021 i.e. date on which the continuation scheme has been approved by the Competent Authority.

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- v. Remuneration of contractual staff in the category of MTS/DEO/Office Assistant, etc. would not be less than the wages as per Minimum Wages Act.
- vi. State Level/Medical College Level VRDLs, who have not yet received five years annual recurring grant will be funded through this Scheme.
- vii. The guidelines of the scheme will stand amended in consonance with the decision of the SFC.

3. The issue with the approval of the Competent Authority in terms of Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure)'s O.M. No. 42 (02)/PF-II/2014 dated 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 and O.M. of even number dated 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 regarding continuation of schemes beyond 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 and with the concurrence of IFD vide their CD No.634 dated: 29/06/2021.

Encl: As above

  
(D.R. Meena)

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To

1. **Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure)**  
**Joint Secretary (Plan Finance Central-II),**  
**Room No. 161, North Block, New Delhi- 110001**
2. **Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser (Health & FW)**  
**[Attention: Ms Vandana Jain, Jt. Secretary (IFD)]**  
**Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi- 110011**
3. **Advisor (Health)**  
**[Shri Alok Kumar]**  
**NITI Aayog**  
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- 1) The Senior Accounts Officer, Director General of Audit (Central Expenditure), AGCR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi- 110002
- 2) The Chief Controller of Accounts, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi- 110011

Copy also forwarded for information to:

- i) PPS to Secretary (DHR) & DG (ICMR).
- ii) PPS to JS (AN)
- iii) Sr. FA, ICMR
- iv) All Directors/PI of VRDL
- v) NIC for uploading on DHR website.

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S.No.	Level of VRDL	Non-recurring	Recurring
1.	<b>Regional Lab</b>	Non-recurring cost - Rs.14.575 crores (including Civil Work cost of Rs.9.425 Cr for construction of standalone BSL3 setup along with BSL2, and Rs.5.15 Cr for Equipment). If the construction is proposed in the existing premises than Civil work cost for BSL3 along with BSL lab is estimated Rs.5.295 Crores.	Recurring Cost - Rs. 0.968 Cr (including Rs. 0.618 Cr for staff and Rs. 0.35 Cr for consumables & contingency).
2.	<b>State Level Lab</b>	Non-recurring cost - Rs.2.971 crores (including Rs.0.625 Cr for Civil Work and Rs.2.346 Cr for Equipment.	Recurring Cost is Rs. 0.680 Cr (including Rs. 0.430 Cr for staff and Rs. 0.250 Cr for consumables & contingency).
3.	<b>Medical College Lab</b>	Non-recurring cost - Rs.1.507 crores (including Rs.0.625 Cr for Civil Work and Rs.0.882 Cr for Equipment.	Recurring Cost is about Rs. 0.464 Cr (including Rs. 0.314 Cr for staff and Rs. 0.150 Cr for consumables & contingency).



**Annexure II****Contractual Staff Structure for Regional Level VRDL to be established**

Name of Post	No. of post	Emoluments (Norms for Salary) in Rs.	Remarks
Scientist C (Med.)	<b>1</b>	67000+ HRA	Increment as per admissible as per DST norms.
Scientist C (Non-Med.)	<b>1</b>	67000+ HRA	Increment as per admissible as per DST norms
Scientist B (Med.)	<b>1</b>	56000 + HRA	Increment as per admissible as per DST norms
Scientist B (Non-Med.)	<b>1</b>	56000 + HRA	Increment as per admissible as per DST norms
Research Assistant or Staff Nurse (optional)	<b>1</b>	35000	Consolidated without any allowances.
Lab Technician	<b>4</b>	20000+ HRA	Increment as per admissible as per DST norms
Data Entry Operator	<b>1</b>	20000	Consolidated without any allowances
Multi-Tasking Staff	<b>2</b>	18000	Consolidated without any allowances
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>		

**Note:**

- i. The HRA will be admissible as per the classification of the city where the lab is located
- ii. Increment rate will be 5% after every 02 years as per DST norms.
- iii. If due to revised structure, any official (Contractual) gets less than what is currently being paid to him, due to any reason, the existing pay will be protected till he/she reaches the same level under the revised structure.
- iv. The DEO/MTS will not be paid less than admissible under the Minimum Wages Act.
- v. If suitable Medical Scientist do not become available even after advertising post twice, a non-medical scientist may be engaged against the post of Medical Scientist.

**Contractual Staff Structure at State Level VRDL**

Name of Post	No. of post	Emoluments (Norms Salary) in Rs. for	Remarks
Scientist C (Med.)	1	67000+HRA	Increment as admissible as per DST norms.
Scientist C (Non-Med.)	1	67000+HRA	Increment as admissible as per DST norms
Scientist B (Non-Med.)	1	56000 +HRA	Increment as admissible as per DST norms
Research Assistant/Staff Nurse (optional)	1	35000	Consolidated without any allowances
Lab Technician	2	20000+ HRA	Increment as admissible as per DST norms
Data Entry Operator	1	20000	Consolidated without any allowances
Multi-Tasking Staff	1	18000	Consolidated without any allowances
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>		

**Note:**

- i. The HRA will be admissible as per the classification of the city where the lab is located
- ii. Increment rate will be 5% after every 02 years as per DST norms.
- iii. If due to revised structure, any official (Contractual) gets less than what is currently being paid to him, due to any reason, the existing pay will be protected till he/she reaches the same level under the revised structure.
- iv. The DEO/MTS will not be paid less than admissible under the Minimum Wages Act.
- v. If suitable Medical Scientist do not become available even after advertising post twice, a non-medical scientist may be engaged against the post of Medical Scientist.

**Contractual Staff Structure at Medical College Level VRDI.**

Name of Post	No. of post	Emoluments (Norms for Salary) in Rs.	Remarks
Scientist B (Med.)	1	56000 + HRA	Increment as admissible as per DST norms.
Scientist B (Non-Med.)	1	56000+ HRA	Increment as admissible as per DST norms
Research Assistant/Staff Nurse (optional)	1	35000	Consolidated without any allowances
Lab Technician	2	20000 + HRA	Increment as admissible as per DST norms
Data Entry Operator	1	20000	Consolidated without any allowances
Multi-Tasking Staff	1	18000	Consolidated without any allowances
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>		

**Note:**

- i. The HRA will be admissible as per the classification of the city where the lab is located
- ii. Increment rate will be 5% after every 02 years as per DST norms.
- iii. If due to revised structure, any official (Contractual) gets less than what is currently being paid to him, due to any reason, the existing pay will be protected till he/she reaches the same level under the revised structure.
- iv. The DEO/MTS will not be paid less than admissible under the Minimum Wages Act.
- v. If suitable Medical Scientist do not become available even after advertising post twice, a non-medical scientist may be engaged against the post of Medical Scientist.



## Project Monitoring and Implementation Unit (PMIU)

### Contractual Staff Structure at DHR:

S.No.	Name of the Post	No. of Post	Emoluments (Norms Salary) in Rs. for	Remarks
1	Scientist C (Medical/Non-Medical)	2	67000+ HRA	Increment as admissible as per DST norms.
2	Finance Manager	1	60000	Consolidated without any allowances
3	Administrative Officer	1	40000	Consolidated without any allowances
4	Section Officer	1	35000	Consolidated without any allowances
5	Assistant	1	30000	Consolidated without any allowances
6	Data Entry Operator	1	20000	Consolidated without any allowances
7	Multi-Tasking Staff	1	18000	Consolidated without any allowances
<b>Total</b>		<b>8</b>		

### Staff Structure of PMIU at ICMR

S.No.	Name of the Post	No. of Post	Emoluments (Norms Salary) in Rs. for	Remarks
1	Scientist C (Non-Medical)	1	67000+ HRA	Increment as admissible as per DST norms.
2	Section Officer	1	35000	Consolidated without any allowances
3	Data Entry Operator	1	20000	Consolidated without any allowances
4	Multi-Tasking Staff	1	18000	Consolidated without any allowances
<b>Total</b>		<b>4</b>		

Note:

- i. The HRA will be admissible as per the classification of the city where the lab is located
- ii. Increment rate will be 5% after every 02 years as per DST norms.
- iii. If due to revised structure, any official (Contractual) gets less than what is currently being paid to him, due to any reason, the existing pay will be protected till he/she reaches the same level under the revised structure.
- iv. The DEO/MTS will not be paid less than admissible under the Minimum Wages Act.
- v. If suitable Medical Scientist do not become available even after advertising post twice, a non-medical scientist may be engaged against the post of Medical Scientist.