No. R. 13012/01/2023-HR Government of India Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

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Office Order

Subject: Reconstitution of Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) in the Department of Health Research for evaluating proposals for establishing Multi-Disciplinary Research Units (MRUs)/Modal Rural Health Research Units (MRHRUs).

In supersession of this Department's Office Order No. R. 13012/07/2020-HR dated 05/02/2021 and 03/12/2021 on the subject mentioned above and with the approval of the Competent Authority in the Department of Health Research, the Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) for evaluating proposals for setting up new Multi-Disciplinary Research Units (MRUs) in Govt. Medical Colleges & Research Institute and establishment of new Model Rural Health Research Units (MRHRUs) is hereby reconstituted, as under:

- Prof. A.K.Deorari, Principal Dean, Himalayan Institute of Medical Studies, Dehradun, Uttrakhand
- ii) Prof. Sushma Bhatnagar, Professor & Head,(Onco-Anaesthesia) and Palliative Medicine,All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.
- iii) Prof. Sandeep Bansal, Consultant Professor and Head of Deptt. (Deptt. of Cardiology), Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi.
- iv) Prof. Achal Kumar Srivastava, Professor
 (Clinical Neurophysiology),
 All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.
- v) Prof. Rajesh Sagar,
 Department of Psychiatry,
 All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.
- vi) Prof. Mongjam Megha Chandra Singh, Head, Department of Community Medicine, Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi.
- 2. The meetings of TEC shall be convened by the Deptt. of Health Research. At least three of the six members of the TEC shall recommend the proposal for being placed before the Approvals

Committee. The TEC may also consider proposals by circulation of papers, in case it is not possible to hold physical meetings due to any reasons/exigencies.

- 3. TEC shall evaluate the proposals for setting up new MRUs on the basis of capability of the concerned Medical College to undertake health research, as per the following criteria:
- i) Existing infrastructure of the Medical College for undertaking research.
- ii) Availability of core faculty.
- iii) Ongoing research activities.
- iv) Research contributions, viz. research publications and patents, during past five years.
- v) Mechanism for promoting and monitoring research, viz Local Research Advisory Committees.
- vi) Availability of required space for setting up laboratories etc.
- 4. The TEC shall also review the progress made by sanctioned MRUs based on progress reports presented by DHR.
- 5. The TEC shall undertake evaluation of the proposals for establishment of new MRHRUs, with reference to local disease burden, the criteria of suitability of location, viz. size of land allotted, linkages with the Mentor ICMR Institute and Medical College, proximity to CHC/PHC etc.
- 6. For MRHRUs evaluation, the TEC may seek presentations on viability of research projects from the point of capability to tackle the local health issues as per priorities identified by the concerned State Governments, with special focus on tribal areas, hilly terrains, remote areas and strategies for transfer of technologies to rural population.
- 7. The Committee shall also review the progress in establishing new MRUs/MRHRUs in the country.
- 8. Additional parameters for evaluation, if any, may be decided by the competent authority, in due course.
- 9. This issues with the approval of Secretary (DHR).

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