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

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To

1. Principals of Medical Colleges/Directors of Research Institutes (As per enclosed list)
2. Nodal Officers of Multi Disciplinary Research Units (As per enclosed list)

Subject: Administrative Approval for continuation of Central Sector Scheme of establishing Multi Disciplinary Research Units (MRUs) in Government Medical Colleges/Research Institutes during the 15th 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 Multi Disciplinary Research Units (MRUs) in Government Medical Colleges/Research Institutes during the 15th Finance Commission period from 2021-22 to 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs. 288.11 crore. Additionally, an outlay of Rs. 12.50 crore for Multi Centric Projects & Clinical Trial Network will 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	Existing MRUs		New MRUs		Admn. Expenses	Total Outlay	Multi Centric Projects & Clinical Trials under PM-ASBY
	Non-recurring	Recurring	Non-recurring	Recurring			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
2021-22	24.00	24.96	7.50	02.88	0.20	59.54	02.50
2022-23	00.00	28.32	13.50	05.76	0.20	47.78	02.50
2023-24	00.00	31.68	13.50	08.64	0.20	54.02	02.50
2024-25	00.00	35.05	13.50	11.52	0.20	60.27	02.50
2025-26	00.00	38.40	13.50	14.40	0.20	66.50	02.50
Total	24.00	158.41	61.50	43.20	1.00	288.11	12.50

2. At present, there are 85 MRUs sanctioned under the Scheme as per details in Annexure-I and the scheme envisages setting up of 30 new MRUs from 2021-22 to 2025-26 as per the year wise schedule given below.

Year	New MRUs to be set up during 15 th Finance Commission period
2021-22	06
2022-23	06
2023-24	06
2024-25	06
2025-26	06
Total	30

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

(in Rs. crore)

Activity	Grant-in-aid
Non-recurring	
Civil Works	0.25
Equipment	*2.00 (to be released in two instalments of Rs.1.00 crore each)
Recurring	
Salaries	0.28
Training/Consumables/ Contingencies	0.20

* Proposals for grants in excess of Rs.2.00 crore for purchase of equipment recommended by the Medical College/LRAC may be considered by the Department with the approval of the Secretary (DHR) on case to case basis taking into account the merits of the proposal. The units approved before 01.04.2021 will also be governed by these norms of grants-in-aid for procurement of equipment. The grant-in-aid to the 85 existing MRUs shall continue to be released after taking into account the grant already released in previous years and the progress of research work.

4. The flow of grant-in-aid under the Scheme 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.

5. Details of contractual positions allowed for each MRU and remuneration for each such position shall be as indicated in the Table below:

(in Rs.)

S. No.	POST	No. of Posts	Proposed revised remuneration per month
1.	Research Scientist- II (Scientist 'C')	1	67,000/-+ HRA
2.	Research Scientist- I (Scientist 'B')	1	56,000/-+ HRA
3.	Lab Technician	2	20,000/-+ HRA
4.	Lab Assistant/ DEO (Grade 'A')	1	20,000

The expenditure on establishment, including salaries, in respect of the above contractual positions at MRU 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. The scheme does not envisage creation of any regular posts in any of the MRUs.

6. **Creation of Clinical Trial Network**

In line with mandate of the Department, it has been decided to use the existing network of MRUs to undertake Clinical Trials. Of the existing MRUs/MRHRUs, 06 MRUs/MRHRUs will be designated as Regional Centres for undertaking Clinical Trials as well along with bio-medical research. The MRUs designated as Regional Clinical Trial Centres will have the following additional 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 "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.

7. For overall monitoring of implementation of the MRU scheme, following regular/contractual positions are provided for in the Project Management and Implementation Unit (PMIU) 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, PMIUs at the DHR Headquarter will have the following additional staff:

(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

8. 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),

9. The payment of remuneration for all contractual positions under the Scheme would be further regulated by the following conditions:

- Increase in remuneration @5% every two years
- Where HRA is to be paid extra, the average cost has been worked out by adding basic remuneration +20%. However, actual payment will be based on respective city rate 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 the respective State Governments.
- Salary to the additional staff at MRU for clinical trials will be paid from the funds under PM-ASBY.

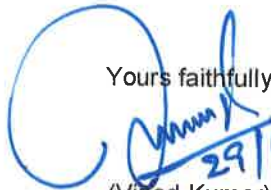
10. The grantee institutions shall ensure full compliance with all the relevant provisions in the General Financial Rules, 2017 and other related instructions issued by the Government from time to time in the matter of procurement of equipment and other consumables and contingent expenditure, recruitments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

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

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

13. This issues with the approval of competent authority and with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Division of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare vide their U.O. C D No. 629 dated 29.06.2021.

Yours faithfully


29/6/2021

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Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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List of Multi-Disciplinary Research Units (MRUs)

S.No.	College Name
1.	Agartala Govt. Medical College, Agartala (Tripura)
2.	All India Institute of Medical Science Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
3.	Andhra Medical College, Andhra Pradesh.
4.	Armed Forces Medical College, Pune, Maharashtra
5.	B. J. Medical College, Pune, Maharashtra
6.	Bundelkhand Govt. Medical College, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh
7.	Chengalpattu Medical College, Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu
8.	Coimbatore Medical College, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
9.	Dharwad Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Dharwad, Karnataka
10.	Dr. ALM Post Graduate Institute of Basic Medical Sciences, University of Madras, Taramani, Tamilnadu.
11.	Dr. Rajinder Prasad Govt. Medical College, Tanda, Himachal Pradesh.
12.	Dr. Sampurnanand Medical College, Jodhpur, Rajasthan
13.	Dr. Vaishampayan Memorial Govt. Medical College, Solapur, Maharashtra.
14.	Farkhruddin Ali Ahmed Medical College & Hospital, Berpeta, Assam.
15.	G. R. Medical College, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
16.	G.S.V.M. Medical College, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
17.	Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
18.	Gandhi Medical College, Secunderabad, Telangana
19.	Government Medical College & Hospital, Chandigarh
20.	Government Medical College, Jammu, J&K
21.	Government Medical College, Kota, Rajasthan
22.	Government Medical College, Srinagar, J&K
23.	Govt. Medical College, Amritsar, Punjab.
24.	Govt. Medical College, Haldwani, Nainital, Uttarakhand
25.	Govt. Medical college, Kottayam, Kerala
26.	Govt. Medical College, Kozhikode, Calicut, Kerala.
27.	Govt. Medical College, Panaji, Goa
28.	Govt. Medical College, Patiala, Punjab
29.	Govt. Medical College. Thrissur, Kerala
30.	Govt. Mohan Kumar Mangalam Medical College, Salem, Tamil Nadu.
31.	Govt. Theni Medical College, Theni, Tamilnadu
32.	Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences, Kalaburagi, Karnataka
33.	Guru Gobind Singh Medical College & Hospital, Faridkot, Punjab
34.	Hassan Medical College, Karnataka

S.No.	College Name
35.	Indira Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna, Bihar
36.	Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
37.	Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Banaras, Uttar Pradesh
38.	Institute of Post Graduate Medical College Education & Research, Kolkata, West Bengal.
39.	JLN Medical College, Ajmer, Rajasthan
40.	Jorhat Medical College, Jorhat, Assam
41.	Kalpna Chawla Govt. Medical College, Karnal, Haryana
42.	Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences, Hubli, Karnataka
43.	King George's Medical University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
44.	M. P. Shah Medical College, Jamnagar, Gujarat.
45.	M.K.C.G Medical College, Berhampur, Odisha
46.	Madras Medical College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
47.	Madurai Medical College, Madurai, Tamil Nadu
48.	Mandya Institute of Medical Science, Mandya, Karnataka
49.	Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi
50.	Medical college & Hospital, Kolkata, West Bengal.
51.	MGM Medical College, Indore, Madhya Pradesh
52.	MGM Medical College, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
53.	Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, Mysore, Karnataka.
54.	Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Medical College, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
55.	NilratanSircar Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata, West Bengal.
56.	Nizam Institutes of Medical, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
57.	Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad, Andhra pradesh
58.	Pt. B. D. Sharma Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciecnces, Rohtak, Haryana
59.	Pt. JNM Medical College, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
60.	R. G. kar Medical College, Kolkata, West Bengal
61.	R.N.T. Medical College, Udaipur, Rajasthan.
62.	Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences, Raichur, Karnataka
63.	Rajasthan University of Health Sciences, Jaipur, Rajasthan
64.	Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences Ranchi, Jharkhand
65.	Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh
66.	Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal, Manipur.
67.	S.S.Medical College, Rewa, Madhya Pradesh
68.	S.V. Medical College, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh
69.	Sardar Patel Medical College and Associated Group of PBM Hospitals, Bikaner, Rajasthan.
70.	SCB Medical College, Cuttack, Orissa
71.	Seth G. S. Medical College & KEM Hospital, Mumbai, Maharashtra
72.	Sher-E-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar, J&K

S.No.	College Name
73.	Shimoga Institute of Medical Sciences, Shimoga, Karnataka.
74.	Siddhartha Medical College, Vijaywada, Andhra Pradesh.
75.	Silchar Medical College and Hospital, Silchar, Assam.
76.	SMS Medical College, Jaipur, Rajasthan
77.	Sree Avitom Thirumal Hospital for women & Children, Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
78.	Surat Municipal Institute of Medical Education & Research (SMIMER), Surat, Gujarat.
79.	Thanjavur Medical College, Thanjavur, Tamilnadu
80.	Tirunelveli Medical College, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu
81.	U.P.Rural Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Safai, Etawah, Uttar Pradesh.
82.	University College of Medical Sciences, Delhi
83.	V.S.S.Medical College and Hospital, Burla, Odisha
84.	Vallabh Bhai Patel Chest Institute, Delhi
85.	Veer Chandra Singh Garhwali Govt. Institute of Medical Science & Research, Srinagar, Uttrakhand.