

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3120
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2024**

SETTING UP OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH UNITS

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Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of proposals received/approved from the State of Andhra Pradesh to set up Multidisciplinary Research Units (MRUs) during the last five years;
- (b) the total number of approved MRUs for establishment, research work completed/ongoing along with funds allocated and time line fixed for completion of the said proposal;
- (c) the total number of Model Rural Health Research Units (MRHRUs) functioning in the country especially in Andhra Pradesh till date, State-wise;
- (d) the quantum of funds allocated for the said two components of MRUs and MRHRUs in the country during the last five years, State-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to establish more such units in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the proposed under consideration?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) and (b): Sir, the scheme for (i) establishment of Multidisciplinary Research Units and (ii) establishment of Model Rural Health Research Units are two sub schemes of the Central Sector Umbrella Scheme for developing infrastructure for promotion of health research across the country. The scheme was conceptualized during the 12th five year plan and is an ongoing scheme under the 15th Finance Commission period i.e. from 2021-22 to 2025-26. A total of 117 MRUs, including 4 in the state of Andhra Pradesh have already been approved and established in the country. One proposal has been received from the state of Andhra Pradesh during the last 05 years. The details regarding allocation of funds for establishment of an MRU during the 15th Finance Commission period are at Annexure-I.

(c): A total of 35 Model Rural Health Research Units (MRHRUs) are functioning in the country. A state-wise list of MRHRUs functioning in the country is at Annexure-II.

(d): As per 15th Finance Commission (2021-22 to 2025-26), the plan outlay is Rs.288.11 crore for MRU and Rs.192.36 crore for MRHRU. Allocation of funds are not done state wise. Funds are directly released to MRUs established in the respective states. Annual allocation during the last five years is at Annexure-III.

(e): Under the 15th Finance Commission, the targets for establishment of MRUs have already been achieved. Eleven (11) MRHRUs are required to be established, out of which 07 MRHRUs have already been established and remaining 04 MRHRUs shall be established by end of the 15th Finance Commission (2025-26).

Non-recurring and Recurring Grant to MRUs

(Rs. in Crore)

Civil Construction	0.25
Equipment	2.00
<i>(To be released in 02 instalments of Rs. 1.00 crore each subject to satisfactory performance and submission of Utilisation Certificate)</i>	

Note: Proposals for grants-in-aid in excess of Rs.2.00 crore for purchase of equipment recommended by the medical college/research institutes and LRAC may be considered by the Department with the approval of the Secretary (DHR) on case to case basis taking into account 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 grants-in-aid to the existing 85 MRUs shall continue to be released after taking into account the grant already released in the previous years and progress of research work.

Recurring Grant

(Rs. In Crore)

Salaries (per annum)	0.28
Contingency/consumables/training etc. (per annum)	0.20

State wise list of MRHRUs

S. No	State	No. of MRHRUs
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1
2.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
4.	Assam	1
5.	Bihar	1
6.	Chhattisgarh	1
7.	Gujarat	1
8.	Haryana	1
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	1
11.	Jharkhand	2
12.	Karnataka	1
13.	Kerala	1
14.	Madhya Pradesh	1
15.	Maharashtra	2
16.	Meghalaya	1
17.	Mizoram	1
18.	Nagaland	1
19.	Odisha	2
20.	Punjab	1
21.	Puducherry	1
22.	Rajasthan	1
23.	Tamil Nadu	2

S. No	State	No. of MRHRUs
24.	Tripura	1
25.	Telangana	1
26.	Uttar Pradesh	5
27.	West Bengal	1
	Total	35

1. Multi Disciplinary Research Unit (MRU)

Rs. in crore

S. No.	Year	Allocation as per Revised Estimates in MRUs
1.	2019-20	55.00
2.	2020-21	58.00
3.	2021-22	51.00
4.	2022-23	48.00
5.	2023-24	50.00

2. Model Rural Health Research Unit (MRHRU)

Rs. in crore

S. No.	Year	Allocation as per Revised Estimates in MRHRUs
1.	2019-20	19.00
2.	2020-21	16.00
3.	2021-22	18.00
4.	2022-23	19.00
5.	2023-24	20.00