

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2197  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2015**

**RURAL HEALTH RESEARCH**

**2197. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched a scheme under the Department of Health Research for promoting rural health research by constructing Model Rural Health Research Units for creating quality medical infrastructure and transfer of technology to the rural population and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has worked out the modalities and details of the activities/facilities provided by these rural health research units in order to ensure an interface between the new technology developers (researchers in the medical institution, State or centre), health system operators (center or State health service) and the beneficiaries (communities in rural areas) for transfer of medical technology; and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any norms/guidelines have been framed for construction of these Model Rural Health Research Units, if so, the details thereof along with the details of the selected/benefited States under this scheme; and
- (d) the budgetary allocation, amount sanctioned and funds utilised under the scheme during the last two years, State/ UT-wise along with other major initiatives undertaken by the Government in the ambit of rural health research?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a) to (d): Yes. The Department of Health Research has launched a scheme for 'establishment of model rural health research units (MRHRUs) for promoting rural health research.

The scheme entails setting up of 15 MRHRUs during the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan period at a total cost of Rs. 67.67 crores.

Detailed guidelines have been formulated for establishment of MRHRUs. The scheme has a provision to provide non- recurring grant of Rs. 2.075 crore for construction of building and Rs.1.00 crore for procurement of equipments. Besides, recurring grant of Rs.50.00 lakhs per annum is provisioned to meet expenditure on staffing, consumables, training, contingencies, etc.

So far, one MRHRU each have been sanctioned in 12 States, namely, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Karnataka, Punjab, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

The State-wise position of funds released and expenditure incurred on each MRHRU is given in the Annexure.

**Annexure**  
**(Rs in Lakhs)**

| <b>S. No.</b> | <b>State</b>     | <b>Location of MRHRU</b>                              | <b>Amount Released during 2013-14 to 2015-16 (Upto 30.11.2015)</b> | <b>Expenditure Incurred upto 30.11.2015</b> |
|---------------|------------------|---|--|---|
| 1             | Assam            | Primary Health Centre, Chabua                         | 250.00   | 112.77                                      |
| 2.            | Himachal Pradesh | Community Health Centre, Haroli                       | 300.00   | 153.79                                      |
| 3.            | Rajasthan        | Bhanpur Kala, Government Health Clinic, Jaipur        | 350.00   | 156.74                                      |
| 4.            | Tamil Nadu       | State Rural Health Centre at Tirunelveli              | 350.00   | 255.18                                      |
| 5.            | Tripura          | Kherengbar Hospital Khumulwung                        | 250.00   | 110.16                                      |
| 6.            | Karnataka        | Primary Health Centre, Sirwar, Manvi Taluk, Raichur   | 200.00   | 147.04                                      |
| 7.            | Punjab           | Community Health Centre Bhunga (Hoshiarpur)           | 200.00   | 137.68                                      |
| 8.            | Maharashtra      | Sub District Hospital (SDH), Dahanu (Thane)           | 200.00   | 126.40                                      |
| 9.            | Andhra Pradesh   | Old Rural Health Training Centre Premises Chandragiri | 200.00   | 21.24                                       |
| 10.           | Odisha           | Block Community Health Centre, Tigeria                | 200.00   | 100.00                                      |
| 11.           | Madhya Pradesh   | Primary Health Centre, Badoni, Datia                  | 150.00   | 0.01  |
| 12.           | Chattishgarh     | Primary Health Centre, Lekhram Block (Bilaspur)       | 150.00   | 0.08  |
| 13.           | Administrative   | Grant to I.C.M.R.                                     | 40.00  | 34.00                                       |
|               |                  | <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>2840.00</b>   | <b>1355.09</b>                              |