



D.O.No.Z.28015/33/2024-DM Cell.

27th December, 2024

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

This is with reference to the deliberations held during the Screening Committee for Research Proposal (SCRП) meeting of the Department of Health and Family Welfare, chaired by the Secretary (HFW) on 24th October, 2024, wherein instructions were given to sensitize all AIIMS and INIs regarding the latest guidelines relevant to the submission of research proposals to SCRП.

2. In this regard, it is pertinent to inform that foreign-funded/collaborative research proposals on life sciences to be undertaken by Central/State Government entities (institutions) pertaining to the Department of Health and Family Welfare are forwarded through Biological Research Regulatory Approval Portal (BioRRAP) for consideration/approval by SCRП. The Disaster Management Cell, as the SCRП Secretariat, facilitates the review of such proposals from the aspects of national safety and security, potential benefits for the country, equitable sharing of benefits, ethical sharing of data and samples, and benefits to Indian researchers in aspects beyond mere data collection to include skill/knowledge development in areas like study conceptualization, designing as well as data analysis.

3. The requisite clearances /documents (complete in all respects) are required to be submitted by the Indian PIs during the submission of the proposals to the SCRП. Such clearances /documents include clearances from Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC), Office of Drugs Controller General of India (for research projects involving clinical drug trials), agreements on IPR claims, data sharing agreement, material transfer agreement (if transfer of any biological materials to foreign collaborator) and any other regulatory requirement as considered necessary and relevant as per the study topic. Further details in this regard can be accessed at <https://hmsc.dhr.gov.in/hmscguidelines>.

4. Apart from the aforementioned requirements, Indian PIs from Central/State Government entities must also refer to the latest guidelines issued by agencies such as ICMR, CSIR, ICAR, DBT, DST and the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, as applicable to their research proposal and study topic.

5. Central/State Government institutions are thus requested to take further necessary action accordingly.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Latha Ganapathy)

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The Directors/ Executive Director of all AIIMSs/INIs and other Central Government Hospitals/Institutions

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