

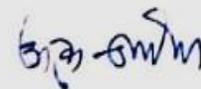
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**Sub: Funding for Projects related to COVID-19 control from LRF/HRF reg.**

1. Across the globe, countries are facing unprecedented crisis of Covid-19 pandemic. In line with disaster management strategy of the country, DG,CSIR issued instructions to all CSIR labs to develop various relevant products, technologies, health care devices, drugs, kits, materials, PPEs etc. to combat the Covid-19 epidemic.
2. In response, CSIR laboratories initiated several endeavours including formulation of project proposals for development and dissemination of various products, technologies, health devices, drugs, kits, materials, PPEs etc. Several CSIR laboratories have submitted project proposals related to COVID-19 control (including MSMEs/ Rural Entrepreneurships creation) for implementation during current financial year 2020-21.
3. It is pertinent to mention here that, Budget Division of Department of Economic Affairs of Ministry of Finance vide OM (F. NO. 12(13)-B(W&M)/2020 dated 8th April 2020) has issued modified guidelines regarding Cash Management System in Central Government - Modified Exchequer Control Based Expenditure Management. OM states that keeping in view the present situation arising out of COVID-19 and the consequential lock down, it is expected that the cash position of Government may be stressed in Q1 (April to June, 2020) of the FY 2020-2021. Considering this, it is essential to regulate the Government expenditure and to fix the Quarterly Expenditure Plan (QEP)/ Monthly Expenditure Plan (MEP) of specific Ministries/ Departments. As per OM, CSIR (under DSIR) has been placed in Category C and has to restrict the overall expenditure within 15% of BE 2020-2021 in Quarter (April to June, 2021) amounting to Rs. 796.80 cr.
4. In the given scenario, there is need to utilize the Government grant optimally. Nevertheless, in National interest, it is also very important that CSIR supports implementation of new projects for COVID-19 control to meet urgent and important requirements of the country.
5. After due consideration of the matter, DG,CSIR has approved that, implementation of new projects related to COVID-19 control may be supported through Lab Reserve Fund (LRF)/Headquarters Reserve Fund (HRF) by CSIR labs and CSIR hqrs respectively, under approved budget heads as per extant CSIR guidelines.



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