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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

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Dear Sir/Madam,

An Inter-Ministerial, high-level committee, namely, Health Ministry's Screening Committee (HMSC) was constituted in the early 1980s with an aim to carry out screening of all projects in the field of health research involving foreign assistance and/or collaboration as well as to periodically monitor the implementation and progress of bilateral agreements, extension of ongoing research projects and endorsement of transfer of human biological material. Detailed Guidelines in this regard have been issued from time to time.

An integrated portal named Biological Research Regulatory Approval Portal (BioRRAP), housed & coordinated by DBT, GOI, has been initiated to provide regulatory information to researchers and to facilitate approvals. It is one-of-a-kind digital gateway intended to make science and scientific research more accessible as well as making it easier to create businesses. The information on international research projects as approved by all line Ministries/Departments of GoI is expected to be integrated with BioRRAP (with Unique BioRRAP ID for each proposal). Further details in this regard can be accessed at <https://biorrap.gov.in>.

With regard to Research Projects by entities falling under the category of Central/ State Government and entities related to Central/State Government such as institutions/ Societies/autonomous bodies, etc. that involve international research in life sciences including research studies in humans, animals, plants and environment, the relevant approvals will be dealt with by the concerned Ministry of the Government of India. State Governments are requested to forward all such proposals of research on life Sciences involving foreign collaborations, biosafety, biosecurity clearance including national sensitivity/ security issues and transfer of biological material etc. to the concerned line Ministry of Government of India.

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In respect of all other entities i.e. Non Governmental Organizations, the Health Ministry's Screening Committee, operated by DHR/ICMR, that has been re-constituted by MoHFW will review the research projects involving international collaboration/funding in health research including studies in humans, animals, plants & environment. Further details in this regard can be accessed at <https://hmsc.dhr.gov.in>.

State Governments are requested to take necessary follow up action accordingly.

Kindly acknowledge receipt by e-mail.

Yours sincerely,



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**To**  
**Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs.**

**CC :**

- 1. Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat.**
- 2. Secretaries of GOI.**