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Department of Health and Family Welfare
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

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2nd September, 2021

राजेश भूषण, आईएएस
सचिव

RAJESH BHUSHAN, IAS
SECRETARY

Dear Chief Secretary,

In order to support the States in their efforts towards COVID-19 management, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has released funds to your State/UT towards the scheme "India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package – Phase-II (ECRP-II)" in two tranches during the months of July, 2021 and August, 2021. Details of funds released to State/UT is at Annexure.

2. Because of the dynamic & evolving situation of the pandemic, it is important to strengthen necessary health infrastructure in public healthcare facilities in a time-bound manner. Hence, timely release of the funds from the State Treasury to the State Health Society is crucial.

3. It is observed that funds released towards ECRP-II during FY 2021-22 have as yet not been transferred from the State Treasury to the State Health Society in few States/UTs. As you are aware, the State share is also applicable in this scheme as per the approved Centre-State funding pattern. It is, therefore, requested to ensure that both the Central Grants of ECRP-II and corresponding State Share are transferred to the State Health Society at the earliest. The Implementing Agencies are to be instructed to complete the activities on-time, as the expenditure for the approved components under ECRP-II is to be made by March, 2022.

4. Further, against the resource envelope, States/UTs needs to send the additional proposals for consideration under the scheme, provided balance fund is available. The balance resource envelope for your State is also attached at Annexure.

5. Looking to the importance and urgency of the matter, I solicit your personal intervention for immediate transfer of Central Grants of ECRP-II and corresponding State Share to the State Health Society in preparing the health systems to the evolving COVID pandemic. I also request to instruct the Health Department to send the additional proposals under ECRP-II to the Ministry by 10th September, 2021 in case there is cushion available under the Resource Envelope indicated to your State.

6. Your comprehensive oversight and guidance in implementation of all aspects of ECRP-II in your State/UT within the timeline of March 2022 would prove invaluable.

Warm Regards

Yours sincerely,

(Rajesh Bhushan)

Encl: As above

Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs

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राजेश भूषण, आईएएस
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RAJESH BHUSHAN, IAS
SECRETARY

Dear Colleague,

As you are aware, the Union Cabinet has approved the new scheme **"India Covid-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package- Phase-II" (ECRP-Phase-II) amounting to Rs. 23,123 Crore** for FY 2021-22 to be implemented from 1st July, 2021 to 31st March, 2022. The Guidance Note, state-wise allocation of CSS components under ECRP-II and template for preparation of Emergency COVID Response Plans (ECRP) Phase- II have already been shared with States vide DO letter no.-7(32)/NHM-I/2021 dated 14.07.2021. Subsequently, a video-conference was held on 15th July 2021 with the Principal Secretaries of Health and Mission Directors of NHM of all the States/UTs to orient all States/UTs on the Guidance Note and the timelines for submission of proposals.

Further, the Department of Expenditure (DoE) has concurred with the proposal of MoHFW by way of special dispensation, granting exemption till 31.03.2022 for the implementation of the revised *procedure for the release of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and monitoring the utilization of funds released* vide OM No.1(13)/PFMS/FCD/2020 of PFMS Division of DoE dated 23.3.2021 for ECRP-Phase-II project.

So far, seven States/UTs have shared their proposal under ECRP-II and I hope, other States are in the process of sending their proposals, sticking to the tight timeline in this regard.

The requests of the States in the VC meeting held on 15th July 2021 that the timely release of funds under ECRP-II from MoHFW to the States/UTs and then, from the State Treasury to the State Health Society is critical to ensure implementation of critical activities at the State/District levels to prepare the public healthcare system in response to the evolving pandemic has been examined. Accordingly, it is decided to release the funds under ECRP-II **in-advance** to the States/UTs to the tune of 15% of Central Share of Resource Envelope of the State/UT, as communicated vide my letter dated 14th July 2021. I re-iterate that States/UTs will start incurring the expenditure of this amount only after the approval of proposal of the States/UTs by the MoHFW.

The submission of proposals and according of approvals for ECRP-Phase-II is a time bound activity, this advance release under ECRP-II will save time in the present COVID emergency situation and ensure that there is no time-lag in implementation and funds are available with the State Health Societies / District Health Societies simultaneously to the approval of the States/UTs' proposals.

The advance amount released to your State/UT is placed at **Annexure A**.

You are therefore, requested to take necessary action for implementation of various components of the ECRP-II and to immediately conduct the activities and incur expenditure as per the Guidance note, once the State/UT proposals are approved by MoHFW, GoI.

Warm Regards.

Yours sincerely,



(Rajesh Bhushan)

Encl.: as above

ACS/PS/Secretary (Health) of all States/UTs

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