

Preface

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of India constituted a High Power Committee (HPC) in December, 2012 to evaluate the ongoing activities of the ICMR with following mandate:

(i) whether the ongoing schemes of the XI Plan need to be continued in XII Plan or dissolved forthwith; (ii) in case if they are to be continued then (a) need for improvement (b) phasing expenditure in XII plan for each component of the scheme (c) setting of physical and financial milestones/targets for the XII Plan for each component.

Members of the HPC studied the proposals submitted to Planning Commission as well as documents provided by all Institutes/Centres of ICMR and its technical divisions at Headquarters. These documents included achievements of XI plan, ongoing studies and XII Plan proposals for intra and extramural research programmes. The members deliberated on different issues during a series of meetings and spent considerable time interacting with Institute's Directors, Scientists and Heads of the Divisions of the ICMR. They discussed with them deliverable outcome of each activity and its utility in terms of public impact and provided them independent opinions and views. The committee also consulted subject experts as required. This report is the outcome of the detailed frank and candid discussions based on available information, perceptions and impressions of members as well as their concerns and opinions.

We hope that the recommendations of this committee would enable the Government to take appropriate decision about the ongoing plan activities proposed to be continued by ICMR in to XII Plan. This would also help the ICMR to work in a focused and goal oriented manner to move forward the knowledge generated for the welfare of the society.



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