

On this being pointed out (between May 2013 and June 2014), the Principals of two GECs and six GPTs while accepting the facts had stated that no demand was sent to the DTE for the equipment supplied. Government in its reply stated (November 2014) that detailed instructions have been issued to the GECs and GPTs concerned for installing the equipment reported idle and to make use of them for teaching purposes. A monthly review mechanism has been put in place so that use of laboratory equipment and other resources may be optimised. Physical verification of machines, equipment, furniture software etc., has also been initiated on state-wide basis. Instructions have been issued to all GECs and GPTs to procure the equipment as per syllabus prescribed by the State Technical University.

The reply furnished by the Government indicates that the DTE supplied the equipment without assessing the requirement of the GEC and GPTs and also without ensuring the availability of necessary infrastructure and requisite faculty to utilise the equipment.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

3.3.2 Idle investment

Supply of equipments without ensuring availability of infrastructure resulted in idle investment of ₹ 17.57 lakh

As per rule 9 of Chhattisgarh Finance Code (Part-I), expenditure should not exceed the actual requirement. Procurement should only be made after assessing the actual requirement and receipt of demands/indents from the subordinate departments/offices.

Chief Medical and Health Officer (CMHO), Rajnandgaon had purchased (March 2007) equipments and supplied (April 2007) to Block Medical Officer (BMO), Dongargarh for establishing blood storage centre.

Scrutiny of records (October 2013) of BMO, Dongargarh revealed that equipments supplied to Community Health Centre (CHC), Dongargarh for setting up a blood storage centre were not put to use due to non-availability of blood bank building. Subsequently, eight equipments were transferred (April 2013) to CHC, Chhuikhadan as per order of Director Health Services (April 2013). The details of equipment are as detailed below:

Table 3.1: Table showing details of equipment

Sl. No	Name of equipment	Quantity retained in CHC, Dongargarh	Quantity transferred to CHC, Chhuikhadan	No of Equipment	Per unit cost (including VAT) (in ₹)	Total Cost (in ₹)
1	Blood donor couch	1	1	2	361900	723800
2	Blood bank refrigerator	0	1	1	400600	400600
3	Blood collection monitor	1	1	2	176414	356928
4	Blood bag sealer	0	1	1	199680	199680
5	Instrument cabinet	3	3	6	7600	51600
6	Temperature recorder	0	1	1	24440	24440
Total		5	8	13		1757048

Source: Information furnished by department and compiled by audit

Audit scrutiny revealed that equipments were procured and supplied by CMHO, Rajnandgaon without assessing the actual requirement and receipt of demands from the subordinate offices. However, it was noted that the equipments in CHC,

Dongargarh and Chhuikhadan were lying idle resulting in idle investment of ₹ 17.57 lakh for more than seven years.

On this being pointed out (July 2014), Chief Medical and Health Officer, Rajnandgaon stated that in 2006-07, the CHC, Dongargarh was designated as First Referral Unit (FRU) where blood was to be collected and stored. So equipments were purchased for storing the blood. However, as the post of Gynecologist and Anesthetist were vacant, FRU was not started and the equipments remained idle. Subsequently CHC, Chhuikhadan was also designated as FRU and the equipments were thus transferred to it.

The fact remained that the equipments were supplied without ensuring required infrastructure which led to idle investment for more than seven years. The matter was brought to the notice of the Government (July 2014), reply is awaited.



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