

AERB receives funds from Government of India (GoI) for meeting its expenditure. AERB has full powers to operate its budget, which it prepares and submits for approval.

13.1 ANNUAL BUDGET OF AERB AND ITS UTILISATION

Annual expenditure during the period was Rs. 99.61 crores comprising Rs. 25.74 crores under Capital Budget, Rs. 71.94 crores under Revenue Budget and Rs.1.93 crores towards Grant-in-Aid Scheme. Expenditure includes salary, office expenses, travel, public outreach programmes, services of experts, Grant-in-aid towards financial assistance for projects of AERB interest to academic institutes and for seminars/ conferences etc.



Expenditure for Capital is mainly towards construction of Niyamak Bhavan-C at HQ, salary of new recruits under Capital Budget, establishment of Regional Regulatory Centres (RRC), R&D activities and IT related activities. Refurbishing and upgradation activities of existing office buildings at HQ is nearing completion. Construction activities are in progress for ERRC at Kolkata.

13.2 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND IT INFRASTRUCTURE

Funds were utilised for procurement of software for analysis work at AERB HQ and at SRI Kalpakkam, establishing experimental facilities at SRI for R&D activities and procurement of radiation protection instruments etc.

Funds were also utilised to improve internal IT infrastructure and implementation of continuous upgradation/improvement plan for e-LORA covering

important regulatory activities.

13.3 GRANTS TO RESEARCH PROJECTS

AERB provides grants to academic institutions for research projects to carry out safety research in the areas of AERB interest. Details of CSRP projects are provided in section 7.10 of this report. The research outcome is used for framing new regulations, safety review and analysis etc.

13.4 FUND UTILISATION ON PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

In order to inform the public on various safety related issues, to address their concern and to sensitise the users on regulatory requirements, AERB conducted awareness programmes for users and public at various places. During the year AERB funds were utilised on following activities.



- (i) Awareness programme on 'Radiation Safety in the use of Radiation Source for Societal Benefits' at Madurai.
- (ii) Awareness programme on 'Safety in Diagnostic Radiology' at Kolkata.
- (iii) Awareness programme on 'Responsibilities of Suppliers in Nucleonic Gauges' and 'Well logging facilities' at Mumbai.
- (iv) Displayed exhibits in journalists workshop organised by DAE, to spread awareness on societal applications of radiation.

(v) AERB through Bureau of Outreach & Communication (BOC) (erstwhile DAVP) developed a short Audio Video film to spread awareness on safety aspects in Diagnostic Fluoroscopy.

(vi) Published an article and advertisement in Scientific Journals/Technical magazines & Newsletters (e.g. RADBUZZ and ALARA magazine).

