

**CHAPTER  
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**FINANCE**



AERB receives funds from the 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.78.87 crores comprising Rs. 17.10 crores under Capital Budget, Rs. 61.04 crores under Revenue Budget and Rs. 0.73 crores towards Grant-in-Aid Scheme. Expenditure under Revenue Budget include salary, office expenses, travel, public outreach programme, services of experts, Grant-in-aid towards financial assistance for projects of AERB interest to academic institutes and grants for seminars/ conferences.

Expenditure for Capital is mainly towards construction of Niyamak Bhavan-C at HQ, salary of new recruits under continued project, establishment of Regional Regulatory Centre (RRC), R&D activities and IT related activities.

Further Public Financial Management System (PFMS) programme has been made effective in AERB from the month of November 2020 and is functioning well.

### 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 and establishing experimental facilities at SRI for R&D activities. Funds were also utilised to improve internal IT infrastructure like procurement and implementation of On-premise software based video conferencing system (TrueConf) to enable conduct of virtual meetings during COVID-19 pandemic. Implementation of continuous upgradation/ improvement plan for e-LORA covering important regulatory activities and enhancing Virtual Private Network (VPN) connections to enable timely processing of applications in e-LORA during tele-work.

### 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's 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 (before nationwide lockdown).

After lockdown, the awareness programmes were conducted through virtual mode. During the year AERB funds were utilised on following activities.

- (i) Awareness programme on 'Safety in Diagnostic Radiology' at Kolkata.
- (ii) Awareness programme for suppliers of Industrial Accelerators and Medical Cyclotron Facilities.
- (iii) Awareness Programme for Manufacturers/ Suppliers of Nuclear Medicine Imaging Equipment.

- (iv) Displayed exhibits in Indian Science Congress (ISC)-2020 held at Bengaluru.
- (v) AERB through Bureau of Outreach & Communication (erstwhile DAVP) developed a video on 'Radiation Safety in Fluoroscopy' in English and Hindi language to spread awareness on safety aspects in Diagnostic Fluoroscopy.
- (vi) Published an article in Scientific Journals / Technical magazines & Newsletters (e.g. RADBUZZ and FLASH magazine).

