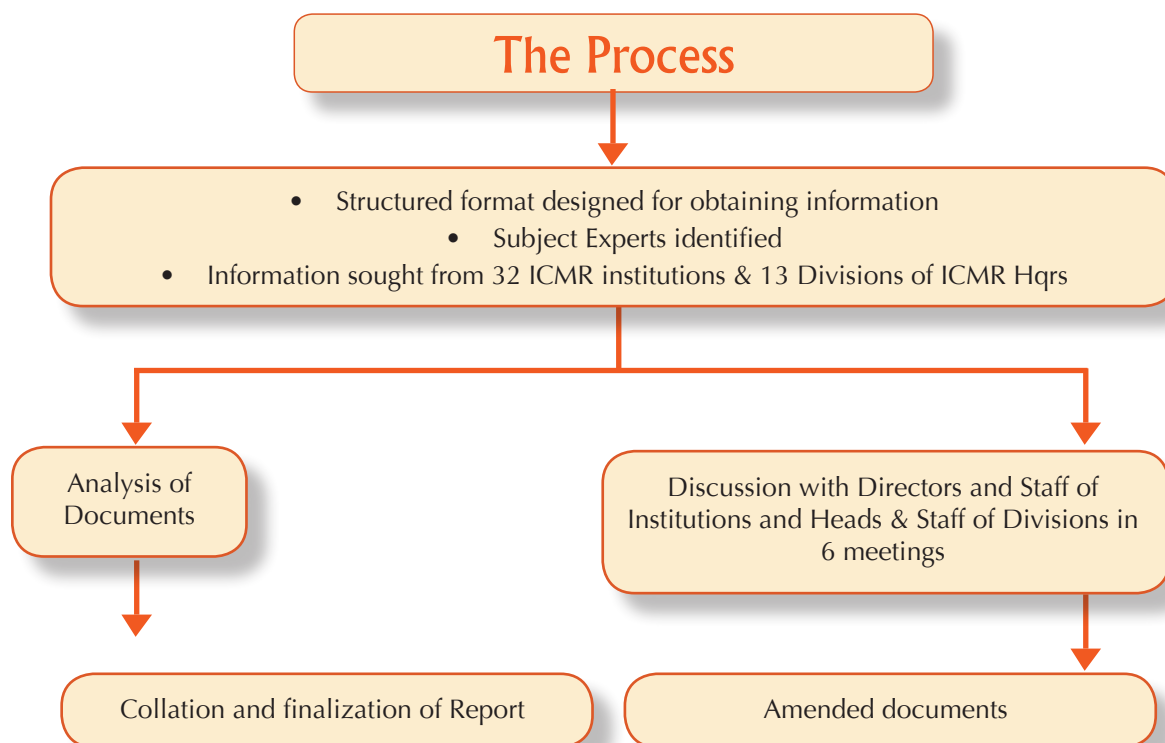


The Process

- Department of Health Research (DHR) submitted its XII Plan document to the Planning Commission which had already been reviewed at different levels prior to submission. The document contains ongoing programmes, which are mainly of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) as new schemes of DHR are to begin only in XII Plan.
- As per norms followed for all Govt of India schemes the Ministry of Finance recommended an independent and impartial evaluation through a rigorous scrutiny with regard to the subject schemes approved for the XI Plan period and that are proposed to be continued in XII Plan period. Keeping this in view, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare constituted a High Power Committee of eminent scientists under the Chairmanship of Prof. P.N. Tandon 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.*
- All ICMR Institutes/Centres and Divisions of the Hqrs were asked to submit information/documents in pre-structured formats on research, training and other professional activities undertaken during XI Plan with leads that emerged and achievements made along with ongoing activities of national relevance and XII Plan proposals.
- HPC while evaluating the ongoing activities of the ICMR that will spill over from XI to XII Plan also apprised itself with the evolution of ICMR, its objectives and future development for better perspectives. For this purpose information was obtained and detailed discussions took place with the Director General, ICMR, Directors of the ICMR Institutes and officers at the Hqrs. Brief description on DHR, ICMR, Impact of ICMR research on public health at global & national level and national/international recognition for excellence is discussed in the following chapters.
- The members went through all these documents thoroughly and had personal discussions and interactions with Directors of the Institutes and Divisional heads of the ICMR Hqrs who were requested to make presentations to the HPC meetings held at ICMR Hqrs. Besides the members of the HPC, subject experts were specially invited during these presentations as per requirements.
- Documents were revised as per the suggestions of the High Power Committee and disease specific documents on malaria, filariasis, Japanese Encephalitis(JE)/Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES), dengue/chikungunya, tuberculosis, chlamydia, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), leprosy, cancer, nutrition, etc. were prepared in an effort to coordinate the disjointed, often replicative ongoing activities in different ICMR institutions.

- The HPC had detailed discussions on the basis of information thus collected and collated to enable it to formulate replies for each of the terms of reference. The committee also consulted other relevant documents *i.e.* ICMR’s Memorandum of Association, Rules, Regulation and Bylaws, Performance Appraisal Board Report of the Indian Council of Medical Research (2005), ICMR Network document (2011), XII Plan proposals document, *etc* to appraise itself with the mandate of the ICMR, its rules and regulations, recent achievements and future aspirations.



High Power Committee Meetings
29 th December, 2012
12 th January, 2013
28 th January, 2013
15 th February, 2013
5 th March, 2013
15 th March, 2013
23 rd April, 2013
18 th May, 2013
<i>(Minutes of the meetings are given in Annexures 1 to 8)</i>