



Atomic Energy Regulatory Board receives funds from Government of India for meeting its expenditure both capital and revenue. AERB has full powers to operate its budget, which it prepares and submits for approval.

13.1 ANNUAL BUDGET UTILISATION

Annual expenditure during the period was Rs. 90.76 crores comprising Rs. 14.61 crores under Capital, Rs 72.67 crores under Revenue and Rs 3.48 crores towards Grant-in-Aid. This includes salary, office expenses, travel, public outreach programmes, grant-in-aid towards financial assistance for projects of AERB interest to academic institutes and for seminars/ conferences etc. Expenditure for Capital plan was mainly for R&D activities, IT related activities, Construction of Regional Regulatory Centres and Niyamak Bhavan – C at AERB headquarters.

Work order for refurbishing and upgradation of existing office buildings at AERB which included modification of AERB Board room, conference rooms, communication facilities, sanitation facilities etc. was awarded in October 2018 and work was in progress. Construction activities are in progress for Eastern Regional Regulatory Centre (ERRC) at Kolkata. Construction of Southern Regional Regulatory Centre (SRRC) at Chennai was completed. Work order for construction of new office building (Niyamak Bhavan –C) for AERB was issued in December 2018. Non-Plan expenditure consists of mainly day-to-day running expenditure of AERB viz. salary, office expenses, travel and public outreach programmes etc.

13.2 FUNDS UTILISATION ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Funds were utilised to improve the performance and availability of internal IT infrastructure, such as commissioning of Video conferencing facility at SRI, Commissioning of AERB backup server (for eLORA, e-office and other important databases) and implementation of continuous improvement plan for e-LORA covering important activities.

13.3 FUND UTILISATION ON PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

AERB conducted awareness programmes during 2018 on Radiotherapy, Diagnostic Radiology, Nucleonic Gauges/oil Well logging, Manufactures of Gas Mantels etc. During the period, AERB displayed exhibits at Annual Conference on ‘Non-Destructive Evaluation’ at Mumbai; International Conference on Nuclear Power Generation (ICNPG-2018) at Hyderabad and Indian Science Congress at Imphal, Manipur.

Press releases were issued in English as well as in Hindi. AERB has broadcast safety and regulatory requirements of X-ray facilities, as Radio Jingle in FM stations of major cities through BOC (erstwhile DAVP). AERB published advertisements in leading newspapers in order to sensitise the users on requirements of obtaining

regulatory consent from AERB for use of medical X-ray equipment as well as for users of radioactive sources or radiation generating equipment. AERB has also published advertisements in Scientific Journals/Technical magazines & Newsletters such as Health Care Radius, ALARA magazine, Express HealthCare.

13.4 GRANTS TO RESEARCH PROJECTS

AERB provides grants to academic institutions for research projects to carry out safety research in the areas of interest. The outcome of the research is used in AERB for framing the new regulations, safety review and analysis.