

3.1.2. *The institution provides seed money to its teachers for research (average per year INR in Lakhs)*

HBNI is a fully funded institution under Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Government of India. Adequate funding is provided to the institutions for research. These funds are provided in two categories: a) capital expenditure and b) revenue expenditure. The funds provided under capital budget are meant for executing specific capital projects, involving creation of infrastructure or purchase of high value equipment. Funds provided under Revenue budget are meant for O&M of facilities, purchase of consumables or small equipment, and salary and allowances for the staff. As per policy of the Government, Capital projects are usually clubbed into apex level projects of high value, often running into value as high as tens of crores of rupees. Therefore, capital projects are invariably multidisciplinary and also require large teams for execution. The project fund is sanctioned to a group or division, with one of the senior staff as the project co-ordinator. There are several sub-projects in each project, and these sub-projects are looked after by faculty at different levels. In fact, every faculty is a member of the team executing one or more projects. Thus, faculty receive funds for their research work, in terms of purchase of new equipment or for day-to-day operations, from a consolidated fund provided to the group or division.

Accordingly, there is no provision in DAE to provide seed money to individual scientist, even though all research work of the faculty receives DAE funding.