



BT/BS/17/719/2017-PID

Dated:13.06.2017.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Nomination of DBT representative in the IBSC of University of Mumbai, Deptt. of Atomic Energy, Centre for Excellence in Basic Sciences (CEBS), Mumbai.

In accordance with the Notification of the Ministry of Environment and Forests vide Gazette Notification No. GSR 1037 (E) dated 05.12.1989, notified under the E.P. Act 1986, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) had evolved the "Recombinant DNA Safety Guidelines" in January 1990 for achieving for personnel and environmental safety in the use of genetically manipulated organisms in research, manufacture and applications. The constitution of the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBSC) is mandatory in R&D Centres at the institutions/ universities/ industries/ any other organization which intend to carry out or are engaged in research activities involving genetic manipulation of genetic materials, microorganisms, plants or animals.

2. In conformity with the above, institutions engaged in genetic engineering research have constituted their IBSCs and the department has nominated its representatives in all such committees. Accordingly, **Dr. Kiran Kondabagil, Asso. Professor, Deptt. of Biosciences & Bioengineering, IIT Bombay (IIT-B), Powai, Mumbai – 400 076**, has been nominated to act as a DBT representative in the IBSC constituted at **University of Mumbai – Department of Atomic Energy, Centre for Excellence in Basic Sciences, Health Centre Building, University of Mumbai, Kalina Campus, Mumbai – 400 098**.

The complete composition of the IBSC is as under:

Chairman	: Dr. Jacinta S. D'Souza, Asso. Professor, CEBS, Mumbai
DBT Nominee	: Dr. Kiran Kondabagil, Asso. Professor, Deptt. of Biosciences & Bioengineering, IIT-B, Mumbai
Member Secretary	: Dr. Siddhesh B. Ghag, DST-INSPIRE Faculty, CEBS, Mumbai
Outside Experts	: Dr. Penna Suprasanna, Head, Plant Stress Physiology & Biotechnology Section, BARC, Mumbai
Biosafety Officer	: Dr. Rajendra Y. Agarkar, Medical Consultant, CEBS, Mumbai
Internal Expert	: Dr. Manu Lopus, Reader, CEBS, Mumbai
	: Dr. Subhojit Sen, Ramalingaswami Fellow, CEBS, Mumbai
	: Dr. V. L. Sirisha, Ass. Professor, CEBS, Mumbai

3. The DBT nominee serves as the link between the department and the respective IBSC. The nominee should ensure that:
- the committee has been constituted as per the norms of the guidelines,
  - the Recombinant DNA Safety Guidelines are strictly followed in the company,
  - the IBSC meets regularly (at least twice in a year) to review the ongoing activities and provide yearly reports to RCGM/ DBT in the prescribed *proforma*,
  - all the activities within the purview of the guidelines are in the knowledge of RCGM/DBT and to guide the IBSC on biosafety issues.
  - the IBSC will follow the 'Simplified Procedures/ Guidelines on Exchange (inter-state and inter-institutional supply/ receipt within India), Import and Export of Genetically Engineered Organism and Product(s) thereof for Research Purpose', as per the Department's OM No. BT/BS/17/635/2015/PID dated 22.09.2015 (copy enclosed).
4. **He/she will work for 3 years on the respective committee. On the expiry of term of nominee, institution/ organizations are required to reconstitute its IBSC in prescribed *proforma*.**

5. The DBT, on the expiry of the term of its nominee shall re-nominate or appoint a new nominee, and such nomination shall be communicated to the institutes/ organizations.
6. Any special invitee/s to IBSC should be communicated to RCGM/ or taken prior approval.
7. **The IBSC of the institution will meet at least twice in a year. The institutes having the IBSC are required to submit yearly report of progress (1st January to 31st December) within one month, following the expiry of the period of Progress Report to the DBT for enabling the proper monitoring and consolidation of this information by the RCGM and the Government.**
8. The centre will meet the TA/DA & honorarium to the DBT nominee as per the GOI norms.
9. Please update the information at the website i.e. <http://dbtbiosafety.nic.in> and inform the same to this Department.



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Advisor/Scientist-'G', DBT

To,

Dr. Jacinta S. D'Souza,  
Chairman - IBSC & Asso. Professor,  
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Health Centre Building, University of Mumbai,  
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1. Dr. Kiran Kondabagil, Asso. Professor, Deptt. of Biosciences & Bioengineering, IIT Bombay, Powai, Mumbai – 400 076, (Kindly access website i.e. <http://dbtbiosafety.nic.in> for IBSC Guidelines & role of DBT nominee).
2. Dr. Siddhesh B. Ghag, Member Secretary –IBSC & DST-INSPIRE Faculty, University of Mumbai – Department of Atomic Energy, Centre for Excellence in Basic Sciences, Health Centre Building, University of Mumbai, Kalina Campus, Mumbai – 400 098.
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