



BT/BS/17/599/2014-PID

Dated: 05.04.2019

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Nomination of DBT representative in the IBSC of **Central University of Punjab (CUOP), Bhatinda, Punjab.**

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 "Regulations and Guidelines for Recombinant DNA Research and Biocontainment, 2017" 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.

- 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. Indranil Banerjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science Education & Research (IISER), Knowledge City Sector 81, P.O. Manauli, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali- 140 306** has been nominated to act as a DBT representative in the IBSC constituted at **Central University of Punjab, City Campus, Mansa Road, Bathinda - 151001(Punjab).**

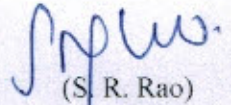
The complete composition of the IBSC is as under:

Chairman	: Prof. Anjana Munshi, Head, Deptt. of Human Genetics & Molecular Medicine, CUOP, Bhatinda
DBT Nominee	: Dr. Indranil Banerjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, IISER, Mohali
Member Secretary	: Dr. Monisha Dhiman, Associate Professor, Centre for Biochemistry and Microbial Sciences, School of Basic and Applied Sciences, CUOP, Bhatinda
Outside Expert(s)	: Dr. Maninderpal Singh, Sr. Medical Assistant, Civil Hospital Ram, Bhatinda : Dr. Indranil Banerjee, Assistant Professor, IISER, Mohali
Biosafety Officer	: Dr. Puja Gupta, Medical Consultant, Punjab
Internal Member (s)	: Dr. Antriksh Gupta, Medical Officer, Punjab Medical Council, CUOP, Bhatinda

- 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 Nos. BT/BS/17/635/2015/PID dated 22.09.2015 and dated 01.04.2018.

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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. The DBT nominee may visit the R & D facility of the institute periodically, and interact with investigators involved in rDNA research/activities with hazardous microorganisms. Such visits undertaken are duly recorded in Annual Report of IBSC.**
8. The university will meet the TA/DA & honorarium to the DBT nominee as per the GOI norms.



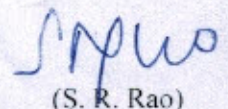
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Member Secretary, RCGM

To,

Prof. Anjana Munshi,
Chairman – IBSC & Head,
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1. Dr. Indranil Banerjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science Education & Research (IISER), Knowledge City Sector 81, P.O. Manauli, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali- 140 306, (Kindly access website i.e. <http://www.dbtindia.nic.in/guidelines/guidelines-for-biosafety/> for IBSC Guidelines & role of DBT nominee).
2. Dr. Monisha Dhiman, Member Secretary-IBSC & Associate Professor, Centre for Biochemistry and Microbial Sciences, School of Basic and Applied Sciences, Central University of Punjab, City Campus, Mansa Road, Bathinda – 151001 (Punjab).
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