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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Nomination of DBT representative in the IBSC of The University of Burdwan (UOB), Burdwan, West Bengal.

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.

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. Sudit Shekhar Mukhopadhyay, Asso. Professor, Deptt. of Biotechnology, National Institute of Technology(NIT), Durgapur – 713 209 (West Bengal)** has been nominated to act as a DBT representative in the IBSC constituted at **The University of Burdwan, Deptt. of Zoology, Golapbag, Burdwan – 713 104 (West Bengal)**.

The complete composition of the IBSC is as under:

Chairman	: Prof. Nimai Chandra Saha, Vice Chancellor, UOB, Burdwan
DBT Nominee	: Dr. Sudit Shekhar Mukhopadhyay, Asso. Professor, Deptt. of Biotechnology, NIT, Durgapur
Member Secretary	: Prof. Anupam Basu, Deptt. of Zoology, UOB, Burdwan
Outside Expert (s)	: Prof. Subrata Dey, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology, Kolkata
Biosafety Officer	: Dr. Gispati Chakrabarti, SMO, UOB, Burdwan
Internal Member (s):	Prof. Apurba Ratan Ghosh, Deptt. of Environmental Science, UOB, Burdwan
	Dr. Tushar Kanti Maiti, Head, Deptt. of Botany, UOB, Burdwan
	Dr. Anandamay Barik, Asso. Professor & Head, Deptt. of Zoology, UOB, Burdwan
	Dr. Indrani Chandra, Ass. Professor & Teacher-in-Charge, Deptt. of Biotechnology, UOB, Burdwan
	Dr. Pradipta Saha, Teacher-in-Charge, Deptt. of Microbiology, UOB, Burdwan

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

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