

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject :** Nomination of DBT representative in the IBSC of National Institute of Technology, Calicut (NITCALICUT-551) Calicut.

1. 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 on Biosafety of recombinant DNA Research and Bio containment, 2017" for achieving 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 Centers at the institutions/ universities/ industries/ any other organization which intends 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 constitute their IBSCs and the department nominate its representatives in all such committees. Accordingly, Dr DENOJ SEBASTIAN, Assistant Professor, Dept of life sciences, University of Calicut, Calicut, KERALA has been nominated to act as a DBT representative in the IBSC constituted at National Institute of Technology, Calicut (NITCALICUT-551), NIT Campus P.O 673601, NIT Campus P.O 673601, Kozhikode, KERALA-673601.

The complete composition of the IBSC is as under:

Chairman	: Dr Ashok S, Chairman, Calicut, KERALA
DBT Nominee	: Dr DENOJ SEBASTIAN, Assistant Professor, Dept of life sciences, University of Calicut, Calicut, KERALA
Member Secretary	: Dr Md Anaul Kabir, Member Secretary, Calicut, KERALA
Outside Experts	: Dr KK Elyas, Outside Expert, Calicut, KERALA## Dr Santosh J Eapen, Outside Expert, Calicut, KERALA
Biosafety Officer	: Dr Biju George, Biosafety Officer, Calicut, KERALA
Internal Experts	: Dr A. Santhiagu, Internal Member, Calicut, KERALA## Dr Baiju G Nair, Internal Member, Calicut, KERALA## Dr Rajanikant GK, Internal Member, Calicut, KERALA## Dr Rathinasamy K, Internal Member, Calicut, KERALA## Dr Suresh PS, Internal Member, Calicut, KERALA

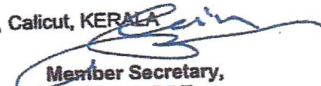
3. The DBT nominee serves as the link between the department and the respective IBSC. The nominee should ensure that:
  - the committee has been constituted as per the norms of the guidelines,
  - the Recombinant DNA Safety Guidelines are strictly followed in the company,
  - the IBSC meets regularly (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 dated 22-09-2015.
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 institute will meet the TA/DA & honorarium to the DBT nominee as per the GOI norms.

  
Member Secretary,  
RCGM, DBT

To  
Dr Ashok S, Chairman, Calicut, KERALA

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4. Dr Biju George, Biosafety Officer, Calicut, KERALA

  
Member Secretary,  
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