

MINUTES OF THE 256th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 19.04.2023 IN HYBRID MODE AT INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR GENETIC ENGINEERING AND BIOTECHNOLOGY (ICGEB), NEW DELHI & BY VIDEO CONFERENCING (GO TO MEETING)

The Chairman-RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 256th meeting and initiated the process of the meeting. The list of participants is given at Annexure-I.

2. The Committee adopted the minutes and recommendations of the 255th meeting of the RCGM held on 05.04.2023.

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 255th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 17 applications including information items were considered and the Secretariat is in the process of issuing requisite permit letters based on the recommendations of the RCGM.

4. Proposals considered

4.1 Applications in the area of Pharmaceuticals

The Committee considered the revised applications to import *SARS-CoV-2* isolate (VIC), *SARS-CoV-2* virus strains (Alpha, Beta, and Gamma), on pre-clinical toxicity study report on a Biosimilar of Lyophilized recombinant *E. coli* L-asparaginase II; intimation to RCGM on document submission for import of infectious clones of *Chikungunya virus*. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

4.2 Applications in the area of Agriculture

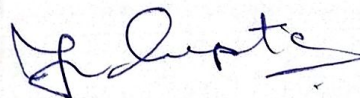
The Committee considered the applications submitted to receive GE Citrus plants; to conduct confined field trial for evaluation of glyphosate IPA salt on GE cotton, event selection of GE cotton lines; seeking exemption of SDN-1 genome edited rice. After deliberation on each application, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports

The Committee considered minutes submitted by twenty two IBSCs, seventeen annual compliance reports and one medical surveillance report, and appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

No other transaction took place and the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and members.

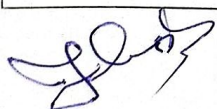
The Minutes are approved.



(Prof. Y.K. Gupta)
Chairman, RCGM

Annexure-I

List of Participants:		
1.	Prof. Y.K. Gupta, Former Professor, AIIMS, New Delhi; President AIIMS, Bhopal &, AIIMS, Jammu	Chairman
2.	Dr. Ramesh Sonti, Director & Group Leader, Plant-microbe Interaction, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, New Delhi	Co-Chair (Agri)
3.	Dr. Arvind Sahu, Scientist 'G', The National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS), Pune (Through VC)	Co-Chair (Biopharma)
4.	Dr. Nitin K. Jain, Scientist 'F' & Head, Regulation, DBT, New Delhi	Member-Secretary
5.	Dr. Neelam S. Sangwan, Professor (Biochemistry), Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh	Member
6.	Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Former Director, National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru (Through VC)	Member
7.	Dr. R. Uma Shaanker, Senior Professor, IIT, Jammu (Through VC)	Member
8.	Dr. S. N. Sudhakar Babu, Former Head, Crop Production & Principle Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-Indian Institute of Oil Seed Research, Hyderabad (Through VC)	Member
9.	Dr. P. V. Mohanan, Scientist 'G', SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram	Member
10.	Dr. K.G. Tirumurugaan, Professor, Department of Animal Biotechnology, Madras Veterinary College, TANUVAS, Chennai	Member
11.	Dr. Ritu Aggarwal, Professor, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh (Through VC)	Member
12.	Dr. Asha Chaubey, Sr. Principal Scientist & Head of Fermentation Technology Division, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu (Through VC)	Member
13.	Dr. Chinnusamy Viswanathan, Joint Director (Research), ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. Nominee-ICAR (Through VC)	Member
14.	Dr. Rubina Bose, Deputy Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee/Representative – CDSCO (Through VC)	Member
15.	Smt. A. Visala, Deputy Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee/Representative – CDSCO (Through VC)	Member
16.	Sh. Rajappan Viswanathan, Astd. Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee/Representative – CDSCO (Through VC)	Member
17.	Dr. Geeta Jotwani, Deputy Director General (Senior Grade) & Scientist F- ICMR. Nominee- ICMR (Through VC)	Member
18.	Dr. Dipti K. Thukral, Scientist G, Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. Nominee/Representative – DST (Through VC)	Member
19.	Dr. Arvind Kumar, Ministry of Home Affairs. Nominee - Ministry of Home Affairs (Through VC)	Member
20.	Dr. Anant Narayan Bhatt, Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS). Nominee - Defence Research and Development Organization (Through VC)	Member
21.	Dr. Gandharva Nagpal, Scientist 'C', DBT, New Delhi	Co-Member Secretary
Biosafety Support Unit:		



	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist & Coordinator
23.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist
24.	Dr. Pranjali Vishwakarma, Scientist
25.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist
26.	Dr. Shipra Shahi, Scientist
27.	Dr. Renu Arora, Scientist
28.	Dr. Subhasish Dutta, Scientist
29.	Dr. Bhawna Yadav, Scientist
30.	Ms. Shubhi Sharma, Project Associate

