

## **MINUTES OF THE 266<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 06.09.2023 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING (GO TO MEETING)**

The Acting-Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members in the **266<sup>th</sup> meeting** and initiated the process of the meeting. The list of participants is annexed at Annexure-I.

**2.** The Committee adopted the minutes and recommendations of the **265<sup>th</sup> meeting** of the RCGM held on **23.08.2023**.

**3.** On the action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the **265<sup>th</sup> 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 applications to import strains of *M. tuberculosis* and *SARS-CoV-2* virus, RNA from Nipah Virus and Hendra Virus; to export Master cell bank of recombinant *E. coli* expressing Pegfilgrastim; preclinical toxicity report on Nivolumab Biosimilar, Tocilizumab Biosimilar, Adalimumab recombinant monoclonal antibody; preclinical toxicity studies on Abatacept Fusion Protein Biosimilar. 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 an application to receive vials of *E. coli* cells harbouring recombinant pET21b (+) expression vector. After deliberation on each application including the information item, appropriate decisions were taken by the RCGM.

### **5. IBSC Reports**

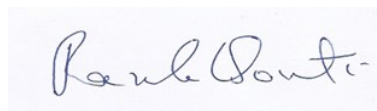
The RCGM considered minutes submitted by nineteen IBSCs and seven annual compliance reports and made appropriate recommendations.

### **6. Other items**

The RCGM deliberated on Consultative/Capacity Building Workshops with Agriculture and Environmental Officials of State Governments and made appropriate recommendations.

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

The Minutes are approved.



(Dr. Ramesh Sonti)  
Acting- Chairman, RCGM

## Annexure-I

<b>List of Participants:</b>		
1.	Dr. Ramesh Sonti, Director & Group Leader, Plant-microbe Interaction, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, New Delhi	Acting-Chairman
2.	Dr. Nitin K. Jain, Scientist 'G' & Head, Regulation, DBT, New Delhi	Member-Secretary
3.	Dr. Neelam S. Sangwan, Professor (Biochemistry), Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh	Member
4.	Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Former Director, National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru	Member
5.	Dr. R. Uma Shaanker, Senior Professor, IIT, Jammu	Member
6.	Dr. S. N. Sudhakar Babu, Former Head, Crop Production & Principle Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-Indian Institute of Oil Seed Research, Hyderabad	Member
7.	Dr. P. V. Mohanan, Scientist 'G', SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram	Member
8.	Dr. K.G. Tirumurugaan, Professor, Department of Animal Biotechnology, Madras Veterinary College, TANUVAS, Chennai	Member
9.	Dr. Asha Chaubey, Sr. Principal Scientist & Head of Fermentation Technology Division, CSIR-IIIM, Jammu	Member
10.	Dr. Rubina Bose, Deputy Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee/Representative – CDSCO	Member
11.	Smt. A. Visala, Deputy Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee/Representative – CDSCO	Member
12.	Sh. Rajappan Viswanathan, Astdt. Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO. Nominee/Representative – CDSCO (Through VC)	Member
13.	Dr. Arvind Kumar, Ministry of Home Affairs. Nominee/Representative - Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
14.	Dr. Gandharva Nagpal, Scientist 'D', DBT, New Delhi	Co-Member Secretary
<b>Biosafety Support Unit:</b>		
15.	Dr. Govind Kumar Rai, Scientist & Coordinator	
16.	Dr. Poonam Vishwakarma, Scientist	
17.	Dr. Pranjali Vishwakarma, Scientist	
18.	Dr. Manpreet Kaur, Scientist	