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Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Public Health Division

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
Dated the 28th March, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Re - Constitution of Health Ministry's Screening Committee (HMSC) for clearance of research projects involving foreign assistance and/ or collaboration – reg.

A Committee has been re-constituted of HMSC for clearance of research projects involving foreign assistance and/ or collaboration with the following composition and terms of reference as follows:

S.No	Committee Member	Designation
1	Secretary, Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	Chairperson
2	Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology	Vice - Chairperson
Representative (not below the rank of Joint Secretary) of the following Ministries/ Department will be the Member		
3	Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology	Member
4	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)	Member
5	Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare(MoHFW)	Member
6	Ministry of Ayush	Member
7	Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
8	Ministry of External Affairs	Member
9	Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance	Member
10	Ministry of Defence	Member
11	Central Drugs Standard Control Organization	Member
12	Department of Agricultural Research & Education, Ministry of Agriculture	Member
13	Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change	Member
14	Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying	Member
15	The Chair of the review committee for Genetic Manipulation (RCGM)	Member
16	Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)	Member
17	Four Independent subject expert as a standing expert group from governmental/ non – governmental organizations/autonomous institutions representing different disciplines of Life Science for expert opinion: i. Dr. D.T. Mourya, Ex- Director, NIV, Pune ii. Dr. Indrani Gupta, Professor and Head, Health Policy Research Unit, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi iii. Dr. Sanjay Mehendale, Director Research, PD Hinduja Hospital and Medical Research Centre, Pune iv. Prof. Shalini Bharat, Director, Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS), Mumbai	Subject - Expert
18	Joint Secretary, DHR/Scientist G/Head-IHD (ICMR)	Member Secretary

2. The revised Terms of Reference (ToR) of the committee are mentioned below:
- i. To carry out screening and clearance of proposals pertaining to non Governmental Organizations involving international collaboration/funding in health research including studies in humans, animals, plants & environment.
 - ii. To carry out strategic & biosafety review of such studies/projects/collaborations.
 - iii. To give clearance for any amendment, extension of already approved studies/projects/collaboration.
 - iv. To give final endorsement for transfer of biological material (as per MoHFW Guidelines of transfer of human biological material, 1997) as well as data sharing arrangements.
3. This issues in supersession of Ministry's O.M. No. Z-21020/42/2022-PH dated 21st March, 2022.


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1. PPS to Secretary, MoH&FW
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4. All members of the Committee