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ORDER

Subject: Reconstitution of National Apex Committee for Stem Cell Research and Therapy (NAC-SCRT) – regarding.

In supersession of this Department's earlier Order Number V.25011/375/2010-HR dated 04.11.2016 on the subject mentioned above, it has been decided to reconstitute the National Apex Committee for Stem Cell Research and Therapy (NAC-SCRT) to monitor and oversee the activities in the field of Stem Cell Research and advise DHR/ICMR for framing policy/guidelines on the same, as under: -

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2.	Dr. Navin Khattry, Deputy Director, Tata Memorial Centre, Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research and Education in Cancer (ACTREC), Maharashtra	Alternate Chairman
3.	Dr. Polani Seshagiri, Department of Molecular Reproduction, Development and Genetics, Convener, Primate Research Laboratory, In-Charge, Stem Cell and Transgenic Research Lab, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore	Member
4.	Dr. Sudesh Prabhakar, Fortis Hospital,	Member
5.	Dr. H.S. Chhabra, Medical Director, Clinical Research, Indian Spinal Injury Centre, Delhi	Member
6.	Dr. Rajiv Sarin, Former Director, Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research and Education in Cancer, Mumbai	Member
7.	Dr. Lalit Kumar, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Institute- Rotary Cancer Hospital, AIIMS, Department of Medical Oncology, Delhi	Member
8.	Dr. Subrata Sinha, Director, National Brain Research Centre Haryana	Member
9.	Dr. Geeta Vemuganti, Dean, University of Hyderabad	Member
10.	Dr. Subha Phadke, Head, Department Medical Genetics, Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow	Member
11.	Dr. Suneeta Mittal, Director & HOD, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurugram, Haryana	Member
12.	Dr. Mohan Wani, Scientist-G, National Centre for Cell Science, University of Pune Campus, Pune	Member

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19.	Smt Pallavi Mishra, Life cell international Pvt. Ltd. No 26 Bandalur Kelambakkam, Chennai	Member (CB Industry Representative)
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22.	Nominee of Secretary (Health), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW)	Member
23.	Nominee of Director General of Health Services, (DGHS)	Member
24.	Nominee of Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI), Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)	Member
25.	Nominee of Secretary, Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology	Member
26.	Nominee of Secretary, Department of Science & Technology (DST), Ministry of Science & Technology	Member
27.	Nominee, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)	Member
28.	Nominee, Department of Pharmaceuticals	Member
29.	Nominee, Defense Research and Development Organization	Member
30.	Nominee of Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	Member
31.	Nominee, Bureau of Outreach Communication (erstwhile Directorate of Advt & Visual Publicity)	Member
32.	Nominee, Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice	Member

2. The terms of reference and scope of work of the NAC-SCRT Committee will be as follows: -

Terms of Reference.

- (a) Serve as an advisory body for Stem Cell Research Policy.
- (b) Overseeing, monitoring and research policy making function.
- (b) Review of specific, controversial or ethically more sensitive research proposals.

Scope

- (a) The committee will have the responsibility to examine the scientific, technical, ethical, legal and social issues in the area of stem cell based research and therapy.
- (b) All institutions involved in any type of stem cell research and therapy shall be registered with the NAC-SCRT.
- (c) IC-SCRT/IEC has to submit annual reports to NAC-SCRT — A regular monitoring will be done by the NAC-SCRT by obtaining periodic report from all centers and site visits as and when required to ensure adherence to standards.
- (d) NAC-SCRT shall approve, monitor and oversee research in the restricted areas.
- (e) Every scientific proposal using ES cells under restrictive category has to be cleared through IC-SCRT/IEC before referring to NAC/SCRT.
- (f) Use of chimeric tissue for research shall be approved only by NAC/SCRT after clearance for IC-SCRT/IEC.
- (g) NAC-SCRT shall revise and update guidelines periodically, considering scientific developments at the national or international level.
- (h) NAC-SCRT will set up standards for safety and quality, quality control, procedures for collection and its schedule, processing or preparation, expansion, differentiation, preservation for storage, removal from storage to assure quality and/or sterility of human tissue, prevention of infectious contamination or cross contamination during processing, carcinogenicity, xenotransplantation.
- (i) The centers carrying out Stem Cell clinical trials and the agency/source providing such cells for the trials shall be registered with the NAC-SCRT through IC-SCRT/IEC. All experimental trials shall be registered with NAC-SCRT.
- (j) In case of international collaboration exchange of biological material will be permitted as per the existing procedure of funding agencies, even if no funding is involved after the joint proposal with appropriate MOU is approved by NAC-SCRT.
- (k) NAC-SCRT shall revised and update guidelines periodically, considering scientific developments at the national and international level.

3. This is issued with the approval of Secretary, DHR.

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