

Office Memorandum

Subject: Reconstitution of the Task Force Committee on “**Biotechnology Based Programme for SC/ST Population and Rural Development**”

I am directed to inform that with the approval of the Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, the Task Force Committee on “**Biotechnology Based Programme for SC/ST Population and Rural Development**” has been reconstituted with the following composition:

1.	Padmashree Dr. P. Pushpangadan DG, AIHBPD & Senior Vice President, RBEF, 3 Ravi Nagar, Ambalamukku, Peroorkada P.O, Trivandrum – 695005	Chairman
2.	Dr. A .P. Joshi Director, HESCO, Viii – Ghisadpadi, P.O. Mehuwala via Majra, Dehradun – 248001	Co- Chairman and Member
3.	Dr. H. B. Singh Prof. Institute of Agricultural Sciences, BHU Varanasi- 221005	Member
4.	Dr. Nadesa Panicker Anil Kumar Director, Biodiversity, MSSRF, Wayanad, Kerala Pranavam, Subhash Nagar, Near DFO’s Office Pinangode Road, Kalpetta Wayanad-673 121, Kerala	Member
5.	Dr. Kamlesh Singh Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Hauz Khas, New Delhi	Member
6.	Dr. Sukhjeet Kaur Professor & Head Department of Home Science Extension Education PAU Campus, Ludhiana	Member
7.	Dr. Ratna Tewari Professor and Head SNDT Women’s University, Mumbai	Member

8.	Dr. Sarman Singh Professor, Faculty In-Charge, Clinical Microbiology AIIMS, New Delhi	Member
9.	Dr. S. K. Zamir Ahmed Department of Agricultural Extension CARI, Port Blair, A&N Islands	Member
10.	Dr. Deepak Sharma Principal Scientist & Head, Division of Animal Genetics, IVRI, Izatnagar, Bareilly, UP	Member
11.	Dr. A. S. Ninawe Advisor, DBT	Member
12.	Dr. S. U. Ahmed Sc. "C", DBT	Member Secretary

1. Terms of reference:

- i. To identify the problems of SC/ST community and rural population and to address their issues through biotechnological interventions and implementation of the projects by making use of locally available resources.
 - ii. To identify proven and field-tested technologies for demonstration/application for the benefits of target population.
 - iii. To consider new proposals for funding, review ongoing projects and suggest mid-course correction, wherever necessary.
 - iv. To organize specialized brainstorming/workshops/group discussions in focused areas as per the priority.
2. The tenure of the Task Force Committee will be for a period of three years or may be less as per the requirement.
 3. The committee would meet Twice in a year. Whenever necessary, other experts will also be called as special invitees.
 4. TA/DA of the non-officials for attending the Task Force Meeting including site visits of the Task Force Members will be paid as per the Govt. rules.
 5. This issue with the approval of the Secretary, Department of Biotechnology.

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Copy to:

1. All the Committee Members
2. Sr. PPS to Secretary, DBT
3. PPS to JS and FA, DBT
4. PS to JS (A)

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