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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Constitution of the Expert Committee to review the findings of the large Scale trials and other related biosafety studies on Bt brinjal.**

In accordance with the decision taken in the 91<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Genetic Approval Engineering Committee (GEAC) held on 14.1.2009, the Ministry of Environment and Forests hereby constitutes an 'Expert Committee' to review the findings of the large scale trials and other related biosafety studies on Bt brinjal.

2.0 The composition of the 'Expert Committee' is as follows:

1.	Prof. Arjula R. Reddy, Vice Chancellor, Yogi Vemana University, Hyderabad and Co-chairman, GEAC.	<b>Chairman</b>
2.	Dr Vasantha Muthuswamy, Former Chief (BMS), ICMR, New Delhi	Member
3.	Dr. B. Sesikaran, Director, National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad.	Member
4.	Dr. Lalitha R. Gowda, Scientist, CFTRI, Mysore.	Member
5.	Dr. N. Madhusudan Rao, Deputy Director, CCMB, Hyderabad.	Member
6.	Dr. C. M. Gupta, Former Director, Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow.	Member
7.	Dr S. B. Dongre, Director (F&VP), Food Safety and Standards Authority (FSSA), New Delhi - (Representative of MoH&FW),	Member
8.	Dr. Dhir Singh, ADG (PFA), FSSAI - (Representative of MoH&FW)	
9.	Dr. K. Satyanarayan, Scientist G, ICMR, New Delhi.	Member
10.	Dr. Dharmeshwar Das, Director, Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar.	Member
11.	Dr. A. K. Srivastava, Director, National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal.	Member
12.	Dr. Dilip Kumar, Director, Central Institute of Fisheries Education, Fisheries University Road, Versova, Mumbai.	Member
13.	Dr. Mathura Rai, Director, Indian Institute of Vegetable Research, Varanasi.	Member
14.	Dr. P. Anand Kumar, Project Director, NRCPB, IARI, New Delhi.	Member
15.	Dr. K. K. Tripathi, Adviser, DBT, New Delhi.	Member
16.	Dr R Warrier, Director and MS GEAC	Convener

3.0 The terms of reference of the 'Expert Committee' would be:

- to review the findings of the data generated during the large scale trials ;
- to review the biosafety data of Bt brinjal in light of the available scientific evidence, reports from international/national experts and representations from NGOs and other stakeholders;

- to make appropriate recommendations for consideration of the GEAC based on the above review.

**4. Tenure**

The tenure of the 'Expert Committee' would be for a period of three months from the date of issue of this notification.

**5. Other Experts**

The Committee may also co-opt / invite other experts as and when necessary.

**6. Entitlement to non-official Members.**

The expenditure on TA/DA for the non-official members of the 'Expert Committee' would be met from the Biodiversity Conservation Scheme. The non-official members of the Expert Committee will be entitled for TA/DA including air fare as per their entitlement as per SR 190 and sitting charges as per GoI rules.

This has the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry of Environment and Forests and concurrence of the Internal Finance Division (IFD) vide their Dy. No 1107/IFD/09 dated 28.5.2009.

Sd/-

(Dr. Ranjini Warriar)  
Director

All Members of the Expert Committee