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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: Nomination of DBT representative in the IBSC of **M/s. Sipra Labs Ltd (SIPLL), Hyderabad.**

In accordance with the Notification of the Ministry of Environment and Forests vide Gazette Notification No. GSR 1037 (E) dated 05.12.1989, notified under the E.P. Act 1986, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) had evolved the "Recombinant DNA Safety Guidelines" in January 1990 for achieving for personnel and environmental safety in the use of genetically manipulated organisms in research, manufacture and applications. The constitution of the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBSC) is mandatory in R&D Centers at the institutions/ universities/ industries/ any other organization which intend to carry out or are engaged in research activities involving genetic manipulation of genetic materials, microorganisms, plants or animals.

2. In conformity with the above, institutions engaged in genetic engineering research have constituted their IBSCs and the department has nominated its representatives in all such committees. Accordingly, **Dr. Ch. Venkata Ramana Devi, Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Osmania University, Hyderabad- 500 007** has been nominated to act as a DBT representative on the IBSC constituted at M/s. Sipra Labs Ltd., 7-2-1813/5/A, Adjacent to Post Office, Industrial Estate, Sanathnagar, Hyderabad- 500 038.

The complete composition of the IBSC is as under:

Chairman	: Dr. V. Satyanarayana
DBT Nominee	: Dr. Ch. Venkata Ramana Devi, Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Osmania University, Hyderabad
Member Secretary	: Mr. P. Gopal
External Experts	: Dr. Ramakrishna Sistla, Scientist 'E', Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad
	: Dr. Ravi Kiran, Environmental Scientist, Pragathi Labs, Hyderabad
	: Dr. Vasanthi, Scientist 'C', National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad
Biosafety Officer	: Dr. P. Udayakumar, Assistant Director, National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad
Internal Experts	: Mr. Padala Mahipal

3. The DBT nominee serves as the link between the department and the respective IBSC. The nominee should ensure that:

- the committee has been constituted as per the norms of the guidelines,
- the Recombinant DNA Safety Guidelines are strictly followed in the company,
- the IBSC meets regularly (at least twice in a year) to review the ongoing activities and provide yearly reports to RCGM/ DBT in the prescribed *proforma*,
- all the activities within the purview of the guidelines are in the knowledge of RCGM/DBT and to guide the IBSC on biosafety issues.

4. **He/she will work for 3 years on the respective committee. On the expiry of term of nominee, institution/ organizations are required to reconstitute its IBSC in prescribed *proforma*.**

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