
2nd Meeting of Task Force on Star College Program to evaluate new proposals received under “Urban Category” held on 13-14th July, 2023 at DBT, New Delhi

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Dear Dr. Savithri,

This is with reference to the **Star College proposal received under “Urban Category” evaluated in the Meeting of Task Force held on 13-14th July, 2023 at DBT, New Delhi.**

The comments/ decisions of the Task Force are as below:

“The proposal was presented by the coordinator, Dr. Y. Savithri. The Task Force noted that proposal was technically sound and proposed activities were also well drafted as per the Program mandate. The proposed outreach activities and interdisciplinary activities were also clearly defined. It was also noted that college had collaborated with the neighbouring Institutes and Universities. It was pointed out that purchase of laptops is not allowed under the Star College Program. Also, the Star College funds cannot be utilised for the construction of Green House as proposed by the college. The college had been assigned mentors i.e. Dr Ishan Patro and Dr Surajit Sarkar by the Screening Committee in order to strengthen the proposal, and it was evident from the presentation that the college had worked as per the suggestions and improved the presentation. The College however needs to understand that separation of molecules using ultra centrifuge is not possible as proposed by the Department of Zoology and should correct such statements from the revised version and also rectify the equipment list.

Decision: The Task Force recommended financial support for **four departments: 1. Botany; 2. Chemistry; 3. Physics and Computer Science (clubbed as one); and 4. Zoology”**

In view of the above, the following documents are required for the further processing of the project:

1. Checklist along with documents mentioned therein as per **attached format**.
2. ZBSA account with ICICI Bank for the projects supported under Biotechnology Research & Development Scheme (0150) and share details of same in attached **Annexure-I, II**. In checklist provide only ZBSA account details.
3. Quotations for equipment costing more than Rs. 1.00 lakh; only one equipment is allowed per department costing more than Rs. 1.00 lakh within ceiling of **Rs. 5.00 lakh**.
4. As per the guidelines/Terms & Conditions of Star College Program items like **Laptop, Air conditioner, and furniture items** are strictly prohibited.
5. MoA on Rs. 100/- stamp paper in favour of Govt. of India and annexure I, II as per attached formats, date of sanction and sanction amount place may be left blank (to be filled once the sanction order is generated). Each page should be signed and stamped by the project coordinator and Head of the Institute, with the two witness signatures at the last page.
6. Note that all purchases through DBT grant should be through **Open Tender System** and no specific brand/make should be given preference. An undertaking need to be submitted for this, as per attached format.

7. Undertaking regarding data generated during the project i.e., if any valuable data arises, the same would be shared with **IBDC at RCB, Faridabad**, as per attached format.

8. The Government has emphasized the need for improved financial management in implementation of Central Government Schemes so as to facilitate Just-in-time releases and monitor the usage of funds including information on its ultimate utilization. In order to abide by the directions to implement Just-in-Time releases and monitor the end usage of funds, an action plan for universal roll-out of PFMS for Central Government schemes has been approved which inter alia includes mandatory registration of all Implementing Agencies on PFMS and mandatory use of Expenditure Advance and Transfer (EAT) module of PFMS by all IAs. Therefore, you are requested to implement this and send an undertaking to this effect (kindly refer the attached **PPT for implementing EAT Module and Undertaking for EAT Module format**).

9. The Star College Program guidelines have been revised and as per revised guidelines the budget provision is as given in table below:

S. No.	Head	Strengthening Component (for 03years) (in Lakhs)
1.	Non-recurring (One time per department)	15.00
2.	Recurring for 3 years each department per year	5.00
3.	Contingency per year	1.00
4.	Travel + Mentoring per year	2.00 to 5.00 (Up to 4 depts.: Rs. 2 lakhs. 5 to 8 depts.: Rs. 4 lakhs. 9 to 12 depts.: Rs. 5 lakhs.)

In view of above, kindly submit revised list of equipment with copy number and cost. However, please note that you may not deviate from the proposed list of equipment in your proposal, though you may increase the copy number. Only one equipment (single copy) costing upto Rs 5.00 lakhs shall be permitted per dept.; all other equipment must be restricted to Rs 1.00 Lakh per equipment (for a single copy). However, multiple copies of such equipment may be procured as per requirements within the sanctioned budget under NR for the particular department. Please submit quotations of equipment costing more than Rs 1 lakh. Please note that any request for change in equipment will not be entertained.

Note: Kindly send PDF format of all documents (Must be duly signed & stamped by the Head of Institute / Principal & Programme coordinator at required place); complete above-mentioned formalities in a time-bound manner i.e. within 15 working days so as to ensure the consideration of the project.

Best Wishes,
Garima Gupta

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-  **Annexure-IV (Undertaking for EAT Module).pdf**
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-  **Check List Performa.pdf**
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-  **MOA format.pdf**
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-  **Annexure- I (MoA).pdf**
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-  **Annexure-2 (Unspent Grant under Biotech R&D Scheme).docx**
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