

MINUTES OF THE 189th MEETING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON GENETIC MANIPULATION (RCGM) HELD ON 17.09.2020 BY VIDEO CONFERENCING

The Chairman, RCGM extended a formal welcome to the members of the RCGM for the 189th meeting and initiated the process of the meeting. The list of participants is given at Annexure-I.

2. The Committee adopted the minutes and recommendations of the 188th meeting of the RCGM held on 03.09.2020.

3. On action taken report, the Member-Secretary informed that during the 188th meeting of the RCGM, a total of 34 applications including information items were considered and the Secretariat is in the process of issuing requisite permit letters based on the recommendations of the RCGM.

4. Proposals considered

4.1 Applications in the area of pharmaceuticals

The Committee considered applications to import Polio Virus Strains; to conduct preclinical toxicity studies on Aflibercept biosimilars, candidate vaccine against SARS CoV-2 virus as VLP preparation; pre-clinical toxicity study reports on inactivated Hepatitis A Vaccine; request for the change in Biosafety Level. After deliberation on each application including information items, appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

4.2 Applications in the area of Agriculture

No complete application submitted for consideration by the RCGM.

5. IBSC Reports

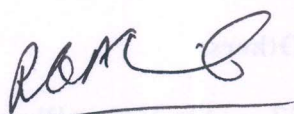
The Committee considered minutes submitted by twelve IBSCs, appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

6. Other items

The Committee discussed on "Guidance document on Standards/Specification for the Establishment of Biosafety Containment Level 2 and 3 Facilities & Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)" and on a request submitted by GEAC on genome edited plants. Appropriate decision was taken by the RCGM.

No other transaction took place and the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

The Minutes are approved.


(Dr. Rakesh Kumar Mishra)
Chairman, RCGM