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Ministry of Environment & Forests
(Animal Welfare Division)
COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF
EXPERIMENTS ON ANIMALS
(CPCSEA)

MINUTES OF THE XIVTH MEETING OF COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTROL & SUPERVISION OF EXPERIMENTS ON ANIMALS (CPCSEA), HELD ON APRIL 21, 2006, AT 3.00 P.M., UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI. B.S. PARSHEERA, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS, NEW DELHI.

Following were present:

1. Shri. B.S. Parsheera,
Additional Secretary,
Ministry of Environment & Forests,
Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road,
New Delhi – 110 003.
2. Shri. D. D. Verma,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Environment & Forests,
Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road,
New Dehii – 110 003.
3. Ms. Somya T. Dave,
Director & Member-Secretary, CPCSEA
Ministry of Environment & Forests
8th Floor, Jeevan Prakash Bldg.,
25, Kasturba Gandhi marg,
New Delhi – 110001.
4. Dr. Lal Krishan,
Assistant Director General (Animal Sciences), ICAR
Department of Agriculture Research & Education,
Room No. 405, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
5. Prof. A. J. Rao,
Representing Director,
Indian Institute of Science,
Bangalore – 560012.

6. Dr. Vasantha Muthuswamy,
Senior Deputy Director General,
Indian Council of Medical Research,
Ansari Nagar, New Delhi.
7. Ms. Norma Alvarez,
People for Animals,
G – 8, Saint Brito Apartments,
(Opp. Brito School)
Mapusa, Goa – 403 507.
8. Dr. Sarita Bhalla,
Deputy Director (MED),
Ministry of Agriculture,
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation,
Directorate of PPQ & Storage,
N.H – IV, Faridabad – 121001.
(Haryana).
9. Dr. P. Thangaraju,
Dean,
Tamil Nadu University of Veterinary & Agricultural Sciences
(TANUVAS), Chennai – 600 007.
10. Dr. D. Swaroop
Head, Division of Medicine,
IVRI, Izatnagar – 243122
Uttar Pradesh
11. Dr. M.L. Aggarwal,
Sriram Institute for Industrial Research,
19, University Road, Delhi – 110009.

Leave of absence was granted to following:

1. Dr. T. S. Rao,
Director, Dept. of Biotechnology,
Ministry of Science & Technology,
Block – 2, 8th Floor, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. Dr. P. Balakrishnamurthy,
Director,
International Institute of Biotechnology & toxicology (IIBAT),
12, Harleys Road, Kilpauk,
Chennai – 600 010.
3. Ms. Sanobar Z. Bharucha,
Hon. Joint Secretary,
Compassion Unlimited Plus Action (CUPA),
257, I Cross, HAL II Stage,
Indira Nagar, Bangalore – 560038.
4. Dr. P. Venugopal,
Director,
All India Institute of Medical Sciences,
Ansari Nagar,
New Delhi.
5. Ms. Bhavani Thayagrajan,
Joint Secretary,
Representing Secretary,
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare,
Nirman Bhavan,
New Delhi-110 001.
6. Dr. P.K. Dave,
Ex. Director, AIIMS
A-8, Sector-26,
Noida.
7. Dr. Ashwini Kumar,
Drugs Controller General of India,
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
8. Dr. A. T. Sherikar,
Vice – Chancellor,
Maharashtra Animal Fishery Sciences University,
Seminary Hills, Nagpur – 440 006.

9. Dr. Ved Prakash Mishra,
Chairman,
PG Committee,
Medical Council of India & Dean,
Faculty of Medicine, Nagpur University,
Plot No.3, Neera Apartment,
1st Floor, Opp. NIT Garden,
Ram Krishna Nagar,
Nagpur-440 025.
10. Dr. Anup Bhaumik,
Secretary,
Veterinary Council of India,
'A' Wing, 2nd Floor, August Kranti Bhawan,
Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-66.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the participants. Thereafter, the items on the agenda were taken up for discussion as under:

14.1: To confirm the Minutes of the XIIIth Meeting of the CPCSEA, held on 10.10.2005.

The CPCSEA confirmed the minutes of the XIII meeting.

14.2: To review the action taken on the minutes of the XIIIth Meeting and pending points of previous meetings of CPCSEA.

9.2-3.1.2. : Review of experiments using animals in case of traditional medicine &
9.2-3.2.5: Funding of projects on Traditional System of Medicine and proper scientific review with regard to the scope and purpose of research.

It was informed that the information on the source of products of animal origin and details of substituted products is still awaited from AYUSH. While expressing dissatisfaction, the Committee directed to take up the matter again with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Department of AYUSH. to obtain the specific information on the following points:

- (i) Type of product having ingredients of animal origin.
- (ii) Species
- (iii) Parts of animal used and
- (iv) Source of procurement.

9.2-5 : Recommendation of the Sub-Committee for Validated Alternatives regarding LD50 Test and LAL Test:

Dr. Sarita Bhalla , Deputy Director (MED), Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Directorate of PPQ & Storage, informed the Committee that the Sub-Committee set up to look into the matter submitted its report, which was considered by Registration Committee and the later accepted the same. She further informed that the matter is now being considered by the Central Insecticide Board/Ministry of Agriculture. She also informed that WHO is also yet to revise its classification as per hazards of pesticides. The pesticides Rules/Regulation are to be harmonized accordingly.

The Committee noted the position and decided that as soon as it is confirmed that CIB has approved the recommendations of the Registration Committee, this agenda item may be dropped.

11.1-5 Suspension of Registration of M/s. Russell Kennels, Ajmer, Rajasthan:

The Committee perused the response received from Ms. Sanober Bharucha who was requested to talk to M/s. Helf In Suffering to get the matter of taking over of the animal expedited. In view of the financial and rehabilitation constraints indicated in the letter, it was decided that the matter may be considered after finalization of guidelines on rehabilitation on animals on the basis of recommendations of Sub-Committee on Rehabilitation set up by the CPCSEA.

12.4 Consideration of Inspection Reports for Approval of Animal House Facilities:

The Committee noted the position as indicated in the Agenda.

12.5 Stopping of redundant experiments in Medical and Veterinary Colleges:

The Committee perused the responses received from Veterinary Council of India and Pharmacy Council of India and noted the position with satisfaction. The Committee, while expressing dissatisfaction over the delay in getting response from Medical Council of India (MCI), directed that a strong communication may be sent to MCI to obtain the required information.

12.6 Proposal for one day training to CPCSEA nominees:

The Committee was informed that the proposed training in Delhi to CPCSEA nominees could not be organized as the Expert Consultant, CPCSEA left the job and new Expert Consultant is yet to join. The members, while appreciating the outcome of earlier trainings held in Chennai and Mumbai emphasized that such type of training be organized on regular basis as the nominee of the CPCSEA have got no proper information on the CPCSEA guidelines and parameters of Animal House Facility. After discussion, the Committee decided that the training for CPCSEA nominees at Delhi and Calcutta as decided earlier may be conducted initially. Thereafter on joining of the Expert Consultants, two training programmes may be conducted in each region per year. A programme schedule for conducting the trainings may be chalked-out accordingly.

13.4 Inspection Reports for approval of Animal House Facilities:

The Committee noted the position. It was also observed by the Committee that in some cases considered by the Committee earlier approval was accorded on certain conditions. It was decided that a mechanism may be chalked-out to review the compliance of conditional approvals. The committee desired that all such cases should be checked and position may be submitted for perusal of the committee in its next meeting.

13.5 Consideration of proposals on use of Alternatives/Software.

Some of the members expressed that they did not get the proposal and CD containing details of the TOPKAT Software from the Apsara Innovation. The matter was discussed in detail and observed that the institute should get approval of the proposed TOPKAT Software from the regulatory body. It was further decided that the proposal is not to be retained as an agenda item for consideration of CPCSEA.

13.6 Deposit of the amount collected as Registration/Renewal Fee.

It was commented as to why the amount to be received as registration fee could not be utilized by CPCSEA. It was explained that Animal Welfare Division was also of positive view in this regard. However, the proposal was not concurred by IFD Division. The Chairman directed that the file may be submitted to him for perusal.

13.7 Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Rehabilitation on Animals after their Experimentation.

It was informed that as per decision of the CPCSEA Expert Consultants, CPCSEA was to convene the meeting of the Sub-Committee on rehabilitation. However, since Dr. D. Mohanty, Expert Consultant has left the job action would be initiated on joining of the new Expert Consultant. The Committee perused the constitution of the Sub-Committee and it was felt that the meeting of the Sub-committee should be headed by Member-Secretary, CPCSEA. It was suggested that since re-habilitation of the animal is a delicate issue, one more member from Institution conducting experiment on animals may be included in the Sub-Committee. The suggestion was found relevant as the approval in some cases is accorded by CPCSEA with the condition of re-habilitation of animals.

After detailed discussion, the composition of the Sub-Committee and terms of reference were decided as under:

Composition:

(i)	Member-Secretary, CPCSEA	-	Chairperson
(ii)	Dr. D. Swaroop, IVRI (in place of Dr. Lal Krishna).	-	Member
(iii)	Dr. A.J. Rao,	-	Member
(iv)	Ms. Sanobar Bharucha, CUPA	-	Member
(v)	One representative from ICMR	-	Member
(vi)	Expert Consultant, CPCSEA	-	Member-Secretary

It was also decided that the Sub-Committee may co-opt any other member if required.

Terms of Reference:

The Committee will consider and give its recommendation covering the issues relating to rehabilitation of animals Viz;

- Stage till rehabilitation is required.
- Time frame for rehabilitation.
- Costing parameters.
- Cost sharing - to be borne by institute and the government.
- Parameter of project cost.
- Basis for identification of the organizations to be considered for rehabilitation.
- Second experiments on animals after rehabilitation.
- Any other related matter.

The Sub-Committee will submit draft report within four months and the same may be submitted to CPCSEA in its XVIth meeting.

Agenda Item No. 14.3:

Consideration of Application for registration of Institutes pending since October, 2005.

The Committee noted the position that since October 10th 2005, 11 new institutes have been registered with the CPCSEA, bringing the total number of registered institutes to 929.

Agenda Item No. 14.4:

Approval of Animal House Facilities: Ranbaxy Laboratory, Satbadi / Gurgaon:

The Committee noted the position of rehabilitation of the animals as intimated by M/s. Ranbaxy Laboratory. The Committee, however, decided that the approval of new animal house facility will be considered on receipt of the fresh application from Ranbaxy Laboratory as per CPCSEA norms and the Institute is not allowed to use old facilities for conducting toxicology study.

Agenda Item No. 14.5:

Requests received for Financial Assistance from various institutions.

- 1. Haffkine Bio-Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd., Pune.**
- 2. Compassion Unlimited Plus Action (CUPA), Bangalore.**
- 3. Sree Chitra Triunal Institute for Medical Sciences, and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram.**

The Committee considered the proposals received from the above Institutions and decided as under:

1. The proposal from Haffkine Bio-Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd., Pune was not considered as CPCSEA is not implementing any scheme for financial assistance for development of alternatives for animal use.
2. The proposal from Compassion Unlimited Plus Action (CUPA), Bangalore for financial assistance for maintenance of 20 bonnet monkeys to be handed over by Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore for purposes of re-habilitation was deferred by the Committee till the guidelines are framed on rehabilitation on

animal on the basis of recommendation of the Sub-Committee on rehabilitation set up by the CPCSEA.

3. On the proposal from Sree Chitra Triunal Institute for Medical Sciences, and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, it was decided by the Committee to seek the details of the proposed programme. It was further observed that awareness and publicity about the care and management of experimental animal should be the main thrust of the CPCSEA activities. A provision may therefore be made for the same in the XIth Plan documents.

Agenda Item No. 14.6:

Annual Accounts for the financial years 2003-04 and 2004-05 in respect of CPCSEA.

The Committee perused the financial accounts of CPCSEA and noted the position on various counts with satisfaction.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.

