

MINUTES OF THE XV MEETING OF COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF EXPERIMENTS ON ANIMALS (CPCSEA) HELD ON 27TH JUNE, 2006 AT 12.00 P.M. UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI B.S. PARSHEERA, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS.

A List of Participants in the meeting and list of Members granted leave of absence are enclosed.

Chairman, CPCSEA, welcomed participants to the meeting and the agenda items were taken up thereafter as follows:

15.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE XIV MEETING OF CPCSEA TO REVIEW THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES OF THE XIV MEETING AND PENDING POINTS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF CPCSEA HELD ON 21ST APRIL, 2006

CPCSEA confirmed the Minutes of the XIV meeting with the following amendment in respect of Agenda Item 11.1 – 5 Suspension of registration of M/s. Russell Kennels, Ajmer Rajasthan.

The Committee indicated that in the XIV meeting of the CPCSEA regarding Russell Kennels, Ajmer, Rajasthan, the decision of the Committee was that a suitable NGO should be nominated to take over the animals urgently since the registration of M/s. Russel Kennels, had already been suspended. Thus, the Minutes of the XIV meeting which indicated that the matter may be considered after finalization of guidelines on rehabilitation of animals on the basis of recommendations of the Sub-Committee on Rehabilitation be amended accordingly. The minutes, therefore, will read as follows:

“The Committee decided that a suitable NGO should be nominated to takeover the animals urgently since the registration of M/s. Russel Kennels, Ajmer had already been suspended by CPCSEA”.

15.2 TO REVIEW THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES OF THE XIV MEETING AND PENDING POINTS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF CPCSEA.

9.2-3.1.2 Review of experiments using animals in case of traditional medicines

and

9.2-3.2.5 Funding of projects and traditional system of medicines and proper scientific review with regard to the scope and purposes of research.

Chairman observed that details have not yet been provided by AYUSH and in addition to checking from records as to the necessity and useful of obtaining this information. If necessary, Member-Secretary, CPCSEA, may take up the matter with AYUSH personally. Thereafter, if required, a letter

would be written by Chairman CPCSEA to Secretary, Department of AYUSH. The Committee endorsed this course of action.

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

The agenda item was dropped in the light of clarification provided by Dr. Sarita Bhalla.

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

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12.5 Stopping of redundant experiments in Medical and Veterinary Colleges:

The Committee desired that the background in which this information had been sought should be re-examined and authorized Member-Secretary, CPCSEA, to put up the matter for approval by Chairman, CPCSEA. In case technical experts were required to examination the issue the Committee approved the names of Dr. Sarita Bhalla, Deputy Director (MED), Ministry of Agriculture, Farindabad, Dr. K.M. Chako, Deputy Director, Sriram Institute of Industrial Research, Delhi, Dr. Lal Krishan, Assistant Director General, ICAR, New Delhi-110001 for this purpose.

12.6 Proposal for one day training to CPCSEA nominees:

The Committee noted that these training programmes could be funded by CPCSEA and indicated that two training programmes may be taken up initially at Kolkata and Delhi. Dr. Chako was requested to provide details of the training programme for further action. The Committee also approved the approach that in case any institutions were provided funding for training/conducting workshop by CPCSEA, the institution may be requested to extend the programme by a day so as to facilitate training for CPCSEA nominees as well.

13.4 Inspection Reports for approval of Animal House Facilities:

The Committee noted that since one Expert Consultant at CPCSEA, Chennai had assumed charge, these cases could now be cleared expeditiously.

13.5 Consideration of proposals on use of Alternatives/Software:

The agenda item was closed with the approval of the Committee.

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

Chairman indicated that action may be taken for formulation of appropriate Rules and Procedures for CPCSEA. Separately the matter regarding depositing of registration/renewal fee may be taken up by convening a meeting with IFD of the Ministry.

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

The Committee noted that first meeting of the Sub-Committee on Rehabilitation had been convened on 26th June, 2006.

14.3 Consideration of Application for registration of Institute pending since October, 2005.

The Committee noted that a new Expert Consultant, CPCSEA had assumed charge at Chennai and desired that all pending registrations may be taken up expeditiously.

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

The Committee desired that it may be checked up as to whether M/s. Ranbaxy Laboratory were following the directions of CPCSEA conveyed earlier.

14.5 Requests received for Financial Assistance from various insititutions.

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 authorized Chairman, CPCSEA, to consider the request for funding in respect of institutions at Sr. No. 2 and 3. Sr. No. 1 was not eligible.

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

The Committee have noted compliance, the item was closed.

15.3 Consideration of applications for registration of institutes pending since December, 2005.

The Committee noted that pending applications could now be disposed of since an Expert Consultant, CPCSEA had joined at Chennai. The

Committee also approved that if required, help of one or two technical experts may be taken for examination of inspection reports of various institutions, after approval of Chairman, CPCSEA

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.