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Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2020

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:** DBT-Junior Research Fellowship (DBT-JRF) and DBT- Research Associateship (DBT-RA) National Program – Extension of Fellowship due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India taking cognizance of COVID19 pandemic on planned research work of Fellows working under DBT-JRF and DBT-RA (National Program), has approved the extension of the tenure of the fellowship for a period of up-to six months with 50% Fellowship (including HRA) to complete the research work originally planned and suffered due to lockdown.

2. The extension is applicable to Fellows working under DBT-JRF and DBT-RA (National Program) which were completed/will be completing tenure during 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. This will be a one-time measure and no further extension beyond the six months will be considered. Fellowship and HRA (wherever applicable) will be provided at 50% of existing rates during the extension period but no contingency grant will be provided for this period.

3. Fellows who fulfill the above-mentioned criteria and wish to seek extension of their fellowship tenure should submit the extension request with details of research work originally planned and affected due to lockdown forwarded by PhD Supervisor/DBT-RA Mentor to following coordinating agencies:

(i) **DBT-JRF Program:** Program Coordinator, Regional Centre for Biotechnology, NCR Biotech Science Cluster, 3<sup>rd</sup> Milestone, Faridabad-Gurugram Expressway, Faridabad - 121 001 (E mail: jrf.dbt@gov.in).

(ii) **DBT-RA Program:** Program Coordinator, Department of Molecular Reproduction, Development & Genetics, Biological Sciences Building, Indian Institute of Science Bangalore-560 012 (E-mail: arunk@iisc.ac.in).

5. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

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4. Program Coordinator, DBT-JRF Program, RCB, Faridabad
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6. DBT-NIC Division for uploading on DBT website