

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

**MINUTES OF THE XITH MEETING OF COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONTROL & SUPERVISION OF EXPERIMENTS ON ANIMALS (CPCSEA), HELD
ON APRIL 25, 2005, AT 11.00 A.M., UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SHRI.
SURESH CHANDRA, SPECIAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT &
FORESTS, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM NO. 402, PARYAVARAN BHAWAN,
NEW DELHI.**

Following were present:

1. Shri. Suresh Chandra,
Special Secretary,
Ministry of Environment & Forests,
New Dehii – 110 001.

2. Shri. D. D. Verma,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Environment & Forests,
New Dehii – 110 001.

3. Dr. T. S. Rao,
Director, Dept. of Biotechnology,
Ministry of Science & Technology,
Block – 2, 8th Floor, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110 003.

4. Dr. Vasantha Muthuswamy,
Senior Deputy Director General,
Indian Council of Medical Research,
Ansari Nagar, New Delhi.

5. Dr. Sarita Bhalla,
Deputy Director (MED),
Directorate of PPQ & S,
Ministry of Agriculture,
NH – IV, Faridabad – 121001.

6. Dr. K. M. Chako,
Dy. Director,
Sriram Institute for Industrial Research,
19, University Road, Delhi – 110009.

7. Ms. Norma Alvarez,
People for Animals,
G – 8, Saint Brito Apartments,
(Opp. Brito School)
Mapusa, Goa – 403 507.

8. Ms. Sanobar Z. Bharucha,
Hon. Joint Secretary,
Compassion Unlimited Plus Action (CUPA),
257, I Cross, HAL II Stage,
Indira Nagar, Bangalore – 560038.

9. Dr. Lal Krishan,
Assistant Director General (Animal Sciences), ICAR
Department of Agriculture Research & Education,
Room No. 405, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.

10. Dr. A. Mahalinga Nainar,
Dean,
Tamil Nadu University of Veterinary & Agricultural Sciences
(TANUVAS), Chennai – 600 007.

11. Prof. A. J. Rao,
Representing Director,
Indian Institute of Science,
Bangalore – 560012.

12. Dr. D. Swaroop
Head, Division of Medicine,
IVRI, Izatnagar – 243122
Uttar Pradesh

13. Director (Animal Welfare),
Ministry of Environment & Forests
8th Floor, Jeevan Prakash Bldg.,
25, Kasturba Gandhi marg,
New Delhi – 110001.

Leave of absence was granted to following:

1. Dr. Ashwini Kumar,
Drugs Controller General of India,
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

2. Dr. P. K. Dave, Ex-Director, AIIMS,
Chairman Advisory Board,
Rockland Hospital,
Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi.

3. Dr. A. T. Sherikar,
Vice – Chancellor,
Maharashtra Animal Fishery Sciences University,
Seminary Hills, Nagpur – 440 006.

4. Dr. P. Venugopal,
Director, AIIMS,
Ansari Nagar, New Delhi.

5. Dr. P. Balakrishnamurthy,
Director,
International Institute of Biotechnology & toxicology (IIBAT),
12, Harleys Road, Kilpauk,
Chennai – 600 010.

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

11.1: To confirm the Minutes of the Xth Meeting of the CPCSEA, held on December 20, 2004.

The Member Secretary informed that the minutes of the Xth Meeting were circulated to all the members and no comments were received. The CPCSEA confirmed the minutes of the Xth Meeting held on December 20, 2004.

11.2: To review the action taken on the minutes of the Xth Meeting of CPCSEA, held on December 20, 2004.

**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 after proper scientific review with regard to the scope and purpose of research:**

The committee perused the letter received from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (AYUSH). The Committee however was not satisfied with this reply, as the source of products of animal origin and details of substituted products which are still being used for manufacturing medicines, are not clear. The Committee therefore, decided that clarifications on these points may be obtained and put up before the Committee.

9.2-7: Production of Anti Snake Venom Serum (ASVS):

The Committee perused the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee set up to resolve this issue. In the minutes, the Sub-Committee have finalized age of equines,

minimum weight of equines, bleeding Schedule and rehabilitation of equines. After discussion, the Committee ratified and adopted the decisions taken by the Sub-Committee.

9.2-10: Stopping of redundant experiments in Medical and Veterinary Colleges:

The committee decided that the matter may be followed up with MCI, VCI and PCI expeditiously and the list of experiments being conducted on animals as a part of the prescribed course curriculum for under-graduate and post-graduate studies in the colleges recognized by the respective councils be obtained to enable the CPCSA to take appropriate action. It was also decided that this issue may be taken up as an independent agenda item in the next meeting.

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

Dr. Sarita Bhalla, Deputy Plant Protection Advisor informed the Committee that the Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate Of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage, is agreeable in principle on the issue regarding validation of alternatives for LD50 Test for which, a Sub-Committee has already been constituted by them to look into the matter and the decision of the Committee is expected to be received shortly.

The Committee noted the position and desired that the reply from the Ministry of Agriculture, may be expedited.

9.2-6: Alternatives to use of Animals in Pharmacology & Veterinary Education:

It was decided that the representatives from the VCI & MCI, would be invited to participate in the CPCSEA Meetings and give their inputs. The Committee decided that the Joint Secretary (DDV) would speak to the Secretaries of the concerned councils in this regard.

9.10: Proposal for one day training to CPCSEA Nominees

Committee noted the position and it was decided that a report on the training given to the CPCSEA Nominees may be submitted for the perusal of the Committee, in the next meeting. This may be put as an independent agenda item in the next meeting.

10.4: Approval of Animal House Facility: Ranbaxy Laboratory, Satbadi / Gurgaon:

The Member Secretary informed that the desired clarifications have been obtained from the inspectors and sent to the members of the Sub-Committee set up in this regard. The Sub-Committee members assured the Committee to send their report shortly.

Agenda Item No. 11.3:

Consideration of Application for registration of Institutes pending since December, 2004.

The Committee noted that since December 20, 2004, 25 new institutes have been registered with the CPCSEA, bringing the total number of registered institutes to 887.

Agenda Item No. 11.4:

Consideration of Inspection Reports for approval of Animal House Facilities:

1. National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health, Parel, Mumbai.

The Committee decided to approve the Animal House Facility of the institute, subject to compliance report for rectification of the following deficiencies / shortcomings by the institute within 15 days:

1. Replacement of GI cages & racks for rabbit / marmosets, with SS cages.
2. Computerization of all relevant records.

3. Quality Control tasks to be allotted to full time technician
4. A shed to be provided over the roof of Monkey run, during summer.

The compliance report will be liable for verification.

12.4 – 2: Lupin Research Park, Nande Village, Mulsi Taluka, Pune.

The Committee decided to approve the Animal House Facility of the institute.

11.4-3: National Research Centre on equines (NRCE), Hisar

The committee decided to approve the Animal House Facility

11.4-4: Institute of Veterinary Biological Products, Pune

The Committee noted that the institute should be informed about the following deficiencies / short comings, as mentioned in the inspection report and obtain their compliance before further consideration.

1. Old metal rabbit cages to be replaced with SS cages
2. Mice feed to be given in containers or new cages with feed and bottle holders to be used
3. Water to be provided ad-libitum in bottles
4. One mice cage was found to be overcrowded. It should be ensured that the litter are separated at specific periods.
5. All old and unused rabbit cages are to be shifted out of the animal rooms.
6. Walls and ceilings of animal rooms should be painted
7. Broken glass from Window panes should be changed
8. Exhaust fans which are not working, should be repaired.

On receipt of compliance report, a fresh inspection of the Animal House Facility, will be conducted.

11.4-5: Veterinary College, HAU, Hisar

The Committee decided to approve the Animal House Facility

11.4-6: Wockhardt Research Centre, Aurangabad, Maharashtra

The Committee decided to approve the Animal House Facility subject to compliance of the following suggestions made by the inspection team.

1. Ceiling fan & exhaust fan to be installed in sheep – goat house as ventilation and circulation is insufficient.
2. To reduce number of dogs from existing three to two dogs per kennel in the dog – house.

The compliance of the above deficiencies is to be done within one month which is liable for verification.

11.4.7: Ethicon Institute of Surgical Education, Chennai

The Committee perused the inspection report. The report was found to be vague and unclear on relevant points. It was decided that a re-inspection of the Animal House Facility will be conducted by a team comprising one member of the previous inspection team (Dr. A. Stanley), and two new members to be duly nominated.

Supplementary Agenda:

Agenda Item No. 11.1.S: Suspension of Registration of M/s. Russell Kennels, Ajmer, Rajasthan

The Member Secretary informed that a complaint was received about the bad condition of the animals and animal house facility at the institute. An inspection was conducted. The report was placed before the CPCSEA, in its meeting held on 20.12.2004. In view of the findings of the report about inadequate facilities for proper

breeding, housing, and veterinary care of the animals, the Committee did not approve the Animal House Facility of the institute. The institute was informed of the decision on 28.2.2005. In response to the queries raised by the members, it was informed that the institute did not respond about rectification of the deficiencies.

The Committee after discussing all pros and cons of the issue decided to suspend the Registration of the institute for the time being and to ask the institute to hand over the animals for rehabilitation to an Animal Welfare Organisation (AWOs) failing which, suitable action may be initiated against them under the relevant rules. The Committee also decided that separately, action (issue of Show Cause Notice etc.) may be initiated to cancel their registration with the CPCSEA in accordance with the rules.

Other issues with the permission of the Chair:

1. Consideration of approval of the Animal House Facility of Dr. Reddy's Laboratory, Hyderabad

It was informed by Member Secretary that two project Proposals, namely, "Radio-telemetry recording in beagle dogs for Discovery Research projects (Metabolic disorders / Anti-infective / Cardiovascular)" and "Breeding of beagles in Animal Facility Discovery Research – Dr. Reddy's laboratories Ltd.", for approval were submitted by Dr. Reddy's Laboratory, Hyderabad to the CPCSEA during March, 2005. The inspection of this organization was conducted and the Animal House Facility was approved way back on 26.4.2002. The matter was taken up by Sub-Committee on Large Animals in its meeting held on 19.4.2005. After deliberations, the SCLA approved these two project proposals, subject to decision of CPCSEA about fresh inspection / fresh approval of Animal House Facility or acceptance of the validity of earlier approval of Animal House Facility.

The Committee observed that the inspection of the institute was conducted and Animal House Facility was approved three years back. Keeping in view of the recent decision taken by the CPCSEA about validity period of 3 years, the Committee

decided that a fresh inspection of the Animal House Facility may be conducted and the issue of approval of animal house facility of the institute will be considered by the Committee, based on the findings of the inspection report.

2. Relieving of Dr. N. S. Sayeeda, Expert Consultant, CPCSEA, Chennai:

The Committee noted the position.

3. Rehabilitation of animals after their experimentation:

The Member Secretary brought to the notice of the Committee that the rehabilitation of animals after their experimentation has been discussed in the CPCSEA Meetings. He also referred the decision of the Committee as well as Expert Group constituted in this regard by the Ministry, that the rehabilitation cost should be a part of the project cost. However, the basic issues viz. rehabilitation period till animal is able to manage on its own, quality, procedure, funds etc. still remain unresolved.

The matter was then discussed at length and after detailed deliberations, it was decided to form a Sub-Committee to address these issues, comprising one representative of ICMR, Dr. K. M. Chako (Sriram Institute, Delhi), Dr. T. S. Rao (DBT), Dr. Lal Krishan (ICAR) & Ms. Sanober Bharucha (CUPA), and Dr. D. Mohanty, Expert Consultant, CPCSEA. Dr. Mohanty will be the Member Secretary of the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee will look into the various aspects of rehabilitation including rehabilitation cost, duration, quality of rehabilitation, identification of organisations for rehabilitation, mode of disbursement of funds, modus operandi / procedure.

On the basis of the report of this Sub-Committee, the CPCSEA will further discuss and finalize the issue.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.