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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 XIITH MEETING OF COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF EXPERIMENTS ON ANIMALS (CPCSEA), HELD ON JULY 21, 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 Delhi-110 003.
2. Shri. D. D. Verma
Joint secretary,
Ministry of Environment & Forests
New Delhi – 110 001.
3. Dr. D. Swarup,
Head Division Medicine,
Indian Veterinary Research Institute,
Izat Nagar, Bareilly, U. P. - 243122.
4. Ms. Norma Alvarez,
People for Animals,
G-8, Saint Brito Apartments
(Opp. Brito School),
Mapusa, Goa - 403507.
5. Dr. K.M. Chako,
Dy. Director,
Sriram Institute for industrial Research,
19, University Road, Delhi-110009

6. Dr. (Mrs.) Mukul Singh
Dy. Director (Medical),
Secretariat of CIBRC,
Dte. Of PPQ & S,
Ministry of Agriculture,
NH-IV, Faridabad – 121001.
7. Dr. Vandana Seth,
Assistant Director,
Medical Toxicology Division Central Insecticides Lab.
Dte. Of PPQ & S,
Ministry of Agriculture,
NH-IV, Faridabad – 121001.
8. Dr. P. Balakrishnamurthy
Director,
International Institute of Biotechnology and Toxicology (IIBAT),
12, Harleys Road, Kilpauk,
Chennai- 600010,
9. Dr. P. Thangaraju,
Dean, Madras Veterinary College
Tamil Nadu University of Veterinary
and Agricultural Sciences (TANUVAS)
Chennai-7.
10. Director (Animal Welfare),
Ministry of Environment & Forests,
8th Floor, Jeevan Prakash Building,
25, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi-110 001.

Leave of absence was granted to the following:

1. Ms. Bhavani Thayagrajan,
Joint Secretary,
Representing Secretary,
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare,
Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi.
2. Dr. T.S. Rao,
Director, Dept. of Biotechnology,
Ministry of Science & Technology,
Block-2, 8th Floor, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.
3. Dr. Lal Krishan,
Assistant Director General (Animal Sciences), ICAR
Department of Agriculture Research & Education,

Room No.405, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.

4. Dr. A.T. Sherikar,
Vice-Chancellor,
Maharashtra Animal & Fishery Sciences University,
Seminary Hills, Nagpur- 440 006.
5. Dr. Ashwani Kumar,
Drug Controller General of India,
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare,
Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi.
6. Dr. Vasantha Muthuswamy,
Representing Director General,
Indian Council of Medical Research,
Ansari Nagar, New Delhi.
7. Dr. P. Venugopal,
Director,
All India Institute of Medical Sciences,
Ansari Nagar, New Delhi.
8. Prof. A.J. Rao,
Representing Director,
Indian Institute of Science,
Bangalore – 560012.
9. Ms. Sanobar Z. Bharaucha,
Hony. Joint Secretary,
Compassion Unlimited Plus Action (CUPA),
257, I cross, HAL II Stage,
Indira Nagar, Bangalore – 560038.
10. Dr. P.K. Dave,
A-8, Sector-26,
Noida.

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

12.1. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF CPCSEA HELD ON 25TH APRIL 2005

The Member Secretary informed that the minutes of the XIth Meeting were circulated to all the members and no comments were received. The CPCSEA confirmed the minutes of the XIth Meeting held on 25 April, 2005.

12.2. TO REVIEW THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH 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 after proper scientific review with regard to the scope and purpose of research.

It was decided that a reminder from J S (DDV) may be sent to Shri. Taradatt, Jt. Secretary, AYUSH, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. It further decided that the Jt. Secretary (DDV) would also speak to him to get the matter expedited.

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

The Committee noted the position with satisfaction.

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

This was taken up for discussion as a separate agenda (Agenda Item No. 12.5)

9.2-5. Recommendation of the Sub-Committee for Validated Alternatives regarding LD-50 Test and LAL Test.

Dr. (Mrs.) Mukul Singh, Dy. Director, Dte. Gen. Of Plant Protection Quarantine, Min. of Agriculture informed the Committee that the Sub-committee set up to look into the matter has submitted its report. The Registration Committee has considered and accepted the report. Now it is being processed in the Ministry for final approval.

The Committee noted the position and desired that the report of the Sub-Committee may be obtained for record of CPCSEA and put up before the CPCSEA in its next meeting for perusal of the members. The Committee also desired that the reply from the Ministry may also be got expedited.

9.2-6. Alternatives to use of Animals in Pharmacology and Veterinary Education

The Member Secretary explained that nomination of MCI and VCI for inclusion in the CPCSEA has been received. These names have also

been approved by the Ministry and notification in this regard would be issued shortly.

The Committee noted the position with satisfaction and expressed that the inputs from these members would facilitate sorting out the matter expeditiously.

Ms. Norma Alvarez, Member, CPCSEA, brought out that she has received some proposals on the use of alternatives / Software and desired to know as to whether such alternatives can be promoted with financial assistance by CPCSEA. It was decided that these proposals may be sent to the CPCSEA for examination. These aspects will be examined on file. Member Secretary while examining such proposals, can interact with the PCI, MCI & VCI also. In the next meeting, these proposals should be taken up as separate agenda item.

9.10 Proposal for one day training to CPCSEA Nominees

This was taken up for discussion as a separate agenda (Agenda Item No. 12.6).

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

Ms. Norma Alvarez, one of the members of the Sub-Committee, who was to examine the inspection report along with the clarifications from the inspectors, brought out that she has already sent her comments to Dr. (Mrs.) Vasantha Muthuswamy. However, she has not received Dr. Vasantha Muthuswamy's views in the matter. Only on receipt of the views of Dr. Vasantha Muthuswamy, a consolidated input would be sent to the CPCSEA

It was decided that the Member Secretary would speak to Dr. (Mrs.) Vasantha Muthuswamy in this regard and get the matter expedited.

11.1.S. Suspension of Registration of M/s. Russell Kennels, Ajmer, Rajasthan

The Member Secretary informed that the Registration of M/s. Russell Kennels, Ajmer has been suspended and the institute has been asked to hand over the animals for rehabilitation to 'Help in Suffering', Jodhpur, an animal welfare organization. Help in Suffering is in the process of taking charge of the animals.

The Committee noted the position and desired that Member-Secretary could get the process of taking charge of the animal by 'Help in Suffering' expedited. Chairperson desired that the progress of the matter be reported on file to him.

AGENDA ITEM NO.12.3

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF INSTITUTES PENDING SINCE APRIL, 2005:

The Committee noted that since April, 2005, seven new institutes have been registered with the CPCSEA, bringing the total number of institutes registered to 894.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12.4 :

CONSIDERATION OF INSPECTION REPORTS FOR APPROVAL OF ANIMAL HOUSE FACILITIES:

1. Christian Medical College, Vellore, Tamil Nadu:

The Committee perused the Inspection report and noted that certain major deficiencies in the animal House Facility of the Institution have been indicated.

It was decided that the Institution should be asked to rectify the deficiencies as reported in the Inspection report and send a compliance report. On receipt of the compliance report , the matter may be put up before the committee.

The Committee also authorized the Member Secretary to seek clarifications / compliance on any other items which according to him needs rectification. It was also noted by the Committee that in some cases considered by the Committee earlier, compliance report has not been received. It was decided that the Member secretary would check such cases and convey the displeasure of the Committee to such Institutions who have not submitted the compliance report.

2. Southern Regional Research Centre of Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute, Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu:

The Committee perused the Inspection report and noted that certain major deficiencies in the animal House Facility of the Institution have been indicated. Cement flooring for the sheep was emphasized by several members.

It was decided that the Institution should be asked to rectify the deficiencies as reported in the Inspection report and send a compliance report. On receipt of the compliance report , the matter may be put up before the committee.

Agenda Item No.: 12.5. Stopping of redundant experiments in Medical and Veterinary Colleges.

The Committee deferred consideration of this items and decided to obtain the response from MCI, VCI, PCI in the matter first and then put up before the CPCSEA.

Agenda Item No.: 12.6. Proposal for one day training to CPCSEA checkers

The Committee perused the report of the training conducted on 19.2.2005. The members appreciated and expressed that such type of training would be given to all nominees of CPCSEA. They must know the guidelines and other parameters of Animal House Facility. One day training was not found adequate for this purpose. It was felt that the training should be organized in all major cities. It was decided to conduct two days Workshops for CPCSEA Nominees at Mumbai, New Delhi and Kolkata. At Mumbai CPCSEA can organize the workshop in collaboration with SPCA, Mumbai after ascertaining their willingness and convenience. In New Delhi it may be organized in collaboration with Sriram Institute. A suitable organization may be identified from Kolkata, for conduct of the workshop in the East Zone. It was also decided that copies of CPCSEA Guidelines may be sent to all CPCSEA members for their perusal.

Dr. P. Balakrishna Murthy, Member, who had conducted the earlier workshop at Chennai, was asked to submit a 'concept note' on the same. He assured to furnish the same shortly.

Dr. D. Swaroop from IVRI informed that IVRI is organizing a National Symposium on Alternative teaching and Research methods to Animal Experimentation in Veterinary Surgery and for this purpose they have sought financial assistance of CPCSEA.

The organization of such workshop by CPCSEA in joint collaboration with other institutes was deliberated upon in details. It was felt that if subject is relevant in terms of PCA Act and breeding rules, CPCSEA may consider to finance such proposal.

It was therefore decided that IVRI will send their proposal of organizing this symposium in collaboration with CPCSEA along with finance implication. It will be examined by CPCSEA headquarter and will be put up in the next meeting of CPCSEA.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.
