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File No.: DST/WISE-PhD/LS/2023/70

Subject: The project entitled “*Transcriptomic Approach to understand Salt Stress Tolerance in Korgut - A Traditional Rice Variety of Goa*”

Dear Ms. Shital Desai,

Please refer to the proposal mentioned above which you had submitted for consideration of possible funding under the WISE Fellowship for Ph.D. (WISE-PhD) for Research in Basic/ Applied Sciences.

We are glad to inform you that the above-mentioned proposal has been technically recommended for financial support **for 3 years with suggestion to include traditional salt-tolerant rice variety, Korgut to the study.** The recommended budget is as follows:

Fellowship	Rs. 13,32,000/- + HRA (as per norms)
Research Grant	Rs. 3,00,000/-
Overhead	Rs. 1,50,000/-

To further process your case for issue of financial sanction, you are requested to submit all of the following documents (Formats available at <https://dst.gov.in/wise-fellowship-phd-wise-phd>) at the earliest **as a single pdf file (less than 2 MB)** through the e-PMS portal (in Upload Quotations Section) in the following order:

1. Certificate from the Head of the Institution where the said project will be implemented (Form - 1);
2. Duly signed Undertaking (Form - 2);
3. Copy of Aadhar Card
4. Proof of Ph.D. Registration (with date); in case already registered for Ph.D.
5. Duly checked and signed Conflict of Interest Policy (Form - 3);
6. Copy of your highest Science/ Engineering degree;
7. Bank of Maharashtra **Zero Balance Subsidiary Account (ZBSA)** details of the Host Institute in the Bank Mandate form (Form - 4);
8. Target and Timeline for the duration of the project (Form - 5);
9. Duly signed Consent Letter from the Scientist Mentor (Form - 6);
10. Name, address and bio-data of the scientist who will technically help you as the Scientist Mentor (Form - 7)
11. Darpan Portal ID and associated PAN no. of the Host Institute (in case of Non-Government Institute);
12. Duly signed Declaration form about eligibility for HRA (Form - 8);


As per latest guidelines regarding Procedures for flow of funds for Central Sector Schemes, the GoI grant has to be mandatorily allocated to the ZBSA. **Project funds would not be transferred to any other account.**

It is expected that you would not undertake a visit abroad for a period exceeding 3 months. And, any visit abroad except for the purpose of attending workshops/conferences/schools etc. should be with the prior permission of DST.

In case you are not already registered for a Ph.D., it is mandatory to submit the proof of Ph.D. registration within one year of the issue of this letter.

The processing for financial sanction shall be done once we receive the above documents/ clarifications from you. **Please note that a project starts only after it is accorded financial sanction by DST.** You are requested to please note that if you are not able to send the required documents within **30 days** of the issue date of this letter, the project file would be closed and no correspondence in this regard would subsequently be entertained.

Looking forward to receiving your reply and with best regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Shubham Goel)