

**No. Prn.SA/Committee/OPGC/2022**  
**Office of Principal Scientific Adviser to**  
**Government of India**  
**New Delhi**

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**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Subject: Setting up of an Oversight and Policy Guidance Committee to facilitate life sciences based research.**

In order to provide oversight and policy guidance regarding scrutiny and clearance of research proposals in life sciences based research, an Oversight and Policy Guidance Committee (OPGC) is hereby constituted with the following composition:

**Chairperson:**

Principal Scientific Adviser to Government of India

**Members**

- a. Secretary, M/o Health & Family Welfare;
- b. Secretary, D/o Health Research;
- c. Secretary, M/o Environment, Forests & Climate Change;
- d. Secretary, D/o Biotechnology;
- e. Secretary, D/o Agricultural Research & Education;
- f. Secretary, D/o Animal Husbandry & Dairying;
- g. Scientific Secretary, Office of the PSA - Member Convener.

The Committee may co-opt subject matter experts for specific meetings as required.

2. The terms of references of the Committee, shall be as follows:

- (i) To provide policy guidance on facilitating research in life sciences, in areas requiring regulation and containment measures (such as those involving viruses, microorganisms, genetic manipulation etc.), while ensuring public health, safety and security;
- (ii) To advise regulatory bodies/agencies and relevant Ministries/Departments on matters related to strengthening, streamlining and rationalization of the existing protocols and guidelines for scrutiny and clearance of research



proposals and carry out broad oversight of approval processes for such research projects;

(iii) To examine specific instances of regulatory violations and give recommendations to the regulatory Ministry/Department/Agency concerned;

(iv) To examine any other matter that may be entrusted to the Committee.

3. The Committee will be serviced by the office of the Principal Scientific Adviser.

  
(Jitendra R. Gaikwad)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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