

## RAJIV GANDHI SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

Mantralaya, Mumbai 400 032, dated 15th April 2011

### NOTIFICATION

RAJIV GANDHI SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION ACT, 2004.

No. RGSTC/File-09/C.R. 17.—In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (a) and (b) of section 27 read with sub-section (2) of section 10 of the Rajiv Gandhi Science and Technology Commission Act, 2004 (Mah. XV of 2004), Rajiv Gandhi Science and Technology Commission hereby makes the following regulations with previous approval of the State Government, namely:—

1. *Short title.*—These regulations may be called the Rajiv Gandhi Science and Technology Commission (Norms of Funding) Regulations, 2011.

2. *Definitions.*—In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “Act” means the Rajiv Gandhi Science and Technology Commission Act, 2004 (Mah. XV of 2004);

(b) “grant” means any financial grant or financial assistance sanctioned by the Commission;

(c) “Instruments” means the plants, machinery and instruments purchased and installed by the recognised institution for implementation of project funded by the Commission;

(d) “project” means any specific research, development, demonstration, experimentation or field extension activity specifically formulated for implementation to achieve the objectives of the Commission;

(e) “recognised institution” means any recognised institution of the Central Government or the State Government including statutory Universities, Research Laboratories, Educational and Technical authorities or institutions or any other institution or agency, or registered organisation or trust, which the Commission may deem fit;

(f) words and expressions used in these regulations but not defined herein, shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3. *Norms of Funding.*—(1) The Commission shall give the grant to the projects of recognised institutions:



Provided that, the Commissions may have freedom to make any other specific arrangement in special situations.

(2) Initiation, scrutiny and funding of projects or programmes shall be carried out according to the procedures and guidelines which may be set by the commission, from time to time. This may include the development of specific schemes for projects to be undertaken, setting up of Committees and Expert Groups as per the need for evolution of programmes, joint sponsorships, network activities, projects under public-private partnerships and new ideas identified by the Commission for implementation.

(3) The recognised institution to which the project is sanctioned for implementation shall assume full financial and administrative responsibility of the project and maintain all records for inspection by the commission, if required. The recognised institution shall audit its financial record and accordingly submit Utilisation Certificate to the Commission for further release of the grants. Any unspent balance, left on completion of the project, out of the amount sanctioned by the Commission shall be returned to the Commission.

(4) The recognised institution is expected to be well equipped for the implementation of the proposed project work. The capital expenditure allowed under the project shall be specifically used for the project only and it shall not be used for creating any other institutional facilities.

(5) The manpower recruited under the project shall be paid fellowship or a salary or a remuneration, as per the approval of the Commission.

(6) Travel expenses are permitted as per the prevailing norms applicable at that time :

Provided that, the international travel is not allowed under the project grant unless specifically approved by the Commission.

(7) The recognised institutional overheads shall be allowed only as per the prevailing rules, if any, of the recognised institution for undertaking the projects.

(8) The detail estimated cost of the project shall give justification regarding important items of expenditure, such as, salaries, consumables, travel, equipment, etc. However the contingency provision shall not exceed five per cent of the total budget estimate of the project.

(9) The assets created under the project, such as, instruments, equipments, etc. shall remain with the recognised institution unless asked for by the commission within a period of five years from the date of completion of the project. The commission may have discretion to gift the assets to the recognised institution or transfer them to any other institution, if it is considered appropriate.



(10) All Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) , such as, patents, copyrights and know-how, generated under the projects shall be protected and shall belong to the Commission. The sharing of its benefits with the recognised institution and the researcher may be decided by the Commission as and when necessary.

(11) Any research publication based on the work done under the project shall acknowledge the funding support provided by the Commission.

(12) The recognised institution shall furnish annual progress report on the project work. On completion of the project, the recognised institution shall submit ten copies of the self-contained project completion report to the Commission.

(13) The recognised institution shall not direct or transfer any grant or part of the grant to other institution unless it is a joint or network project.

(14) The Commission shall have a right to modify or terminate any project at any stage, if the commission feels that the project is not serving the purpose as approved by the Commission.

(15) Representatives of the Commission may visit the project sites and the institutions to monitor the progress of the project.

(16) If required, the period of the project may be extended by the recognised institution with the prior approval of the Commission.

By order and in the name of the Rajiv Gandhi Science  
and Technology Commission,

DR. NISHA MESHRAM,  
Member-Secretary.