



No.BT/MED/Task Force: Cancer Biology/2014

18<sup>th</sup> June, 2014

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Constitution of a Task Force on Cancer –Regarding**

The undersigned is directed to constitute a “**Task Force on Cancer Biology**” with following mandate, Terms & Conditions and composition:

**Mandate:** India reports an estimated one million cases of different cancers every year. It reported about 600,000 to 700,000 deaths in 2012. Infection-induced and tobacco-related cancers are responsible for a large number of cases. India has about 28 Regional Cancer Centers who are involved primarily in cancer treatment. Besides cancer treatment and management, research on various aspects of cancer such as early detection; prophylaxis; biomarkers for early diagnosis; prognosis; drug response; progression & recurrence; target identification; pathway modulation; immuno-therapy is priority. In order to promote research in this direction, DBT has been funding research since 2004 and established a good network of researchers. In order to continue supporting cancer research and also develop Human Capital, it is important to have a Task Force comprising oncologists, basic science researchers, epidemiologists, statisticians etc. It is mandated to do:

- I. Policy, Planning and Strategic thinking for Cancer Biology Research and Translational Medicine on short-term, medium term & long term basis;
- II. Guidance on starting R & D; Setting-up Center of Excellence/ UOE/ VNCI;
- III. Drafting RFAs for project generation;
- IV. Recommending area-specific brain-storming;
- V. Appraisal, mentoring and monitoring of sanctioned projects;
- VI. Making suggestions for HRD in critical areas by drafting/supporting fellowships for 6 & 12 months;
- VII. Constitute ad-hoc groups whenever needed.

## Terms and Conditions

- I. Administrative & Technical powers to recommend the project for financial support by DBT
- II. As stated in mandate
- III. The Task Force would remain in existence for three years from the date of issue of the constitution
- IV. The expenditure towards TA/DA and other meeting expenses will be met by DBT as per GOI norms.

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