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Office Memorandum

Subject: Constitution of Standing Committee for Promoting Women in Science.

A low representation of women in Science & Technology (S&T) in planning and policy making is a matter of concern. In recent years, though there has been significant increase in enrolment of women in (S&T) at all level, yet women are still not getting enough opportunities in academic institutions, R&D laboratories and S&T organizations. Department of Science and Technology (DST) has been making concerted efforts to identify issues facing women in science and to address them in order to bring greater representation of women in science. Adoption and execution of Women Component Plan, formulation of gender specific schemes, constitution of Task Force, gender budgeting, etc. are various efforts made by DST in this direction.

2. In continuation of the above and as per action point of Record of Discussions (RoD) of the meeting the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India had with Scientists on 19.08.2015, a Standing Committee has been constituted. Composition of Standing Committee is annexed with this OM.
3. The Standing Committee would take proactive measures to identify and correct any imbalances that still persist and hinder women in S&T.
4. The terms of reference of the Standing Committee are *inter alia*. The Standing Committee will:
 - i) Make endeavours for creating gender enabling environment in S&T institutions.
 - ii) Recommend special measures to ensure growth of women in science.
 - iii) Recommend programmes designed specifically for fostering utilizing and supporting women in science, and
 - iv) Monitor periodically implementation of its various recommendations.
5. The members of Standing Committee shall be paid TA and honorarium as per Government of India norms.
6. This is issued with the approval of Secretary, DST, *vide* Dy. No E-P-540 dated 2.3.2016 and by JS & FA, DST.


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To all concerned

Standing Committee Composition for Promoting Women in Science

1. Prof. HS Savithri,
Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore Chairperson
2. Prof. Lakshmi Kantam,
Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai
3. Dr. Soumya Swaminathan,
DG, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi
4. Prof. Sulabha Kulkarni,
Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune
5. Dr Madhu Dixit,
Director, Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow
6. Prof. Asha Kishore,
Director, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Science & Technology, Trivandrum
7. Prof. Rohini Godbole,
Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.
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All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi
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10. Dr. Tessy Thomas,
ASL, Defence Research and Development Laboratory, Hyderabad
11. Prof. Shobhana Narasimhan
Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore
12. Prof. AN Rai,
Former VC, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong
13. Prof. Aditya Shastri,
VC, Banasthali Vidyapeeth, Banasthali
14. Prof. Y Narasimhulu,
VC, Rayalseema University, Karnool
15. Prof. TP Singh,
Former Professor at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi
16. Prof. AP Dash,
VC, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur
17. Dr. HB Singh, DST, New Delhi Member Secretary
18. Dr. Vandana Singh, DST, New Delhi Convener