

**DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,  
GOVT. OF INDIA  
TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (TSDP)**

**REFEREE'S REPORT ON SUBMITTED NEW PROJECT PROPOSAL**

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Please tick in the boxes and enter your comments in the space provided. Please be as objective as possible, as PAC relies substantially on referees' reports.

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**DST Reference No:**

**PROJECT TITLE:**

**PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:**

**NATURE OF THE PROJECT** (as per proposal):

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**1. Suitability of the Project under TSDP:**

Based on the objectives, methodology and deliverables, the projects under TSDP have been classified as under. Please examine the proposal carefully and put a tick mark against the most appropriate nature of the project. In case the proposal does not conform to any of the categories mentioned below, please give your classification against serial no. (x).

**2. Nature of the Project**  
(*please tick*):

- i) Technology Development in association with an industry/ user agency.
- ii) Laboratory scale demonstration of a process/ device
- iii) Pilot plant demonstration for techno-economic analysis
- iv) Nationally co-ordinated project to develop a specific technology platform
- v) Development of a base technology and creation of a national facility
- vi) Development of a technology of societal importance
- vii) Laboratory level development of a technology of societal importance
- viii) Field level demonstration for social acceptance
- ix) Development of a cutting-edge technology relevant to the country
- x) Development of a technology of strategic importance
- xi) Applied/basic research only
- xii) Any other (*please specify*)

**2. Evaluation of the different aspects of the Proposal:**

- a) **Please evaluate the contents of different sections of the proposal and tick the most appropriate box in the 5 point scale below:**
- b) **It is desirable that a brief explanation in support of your gradation may be recorded under each of the items:**

## 2.1 Objectives

Precise and focused		Not so precise		Vague and defocused
5	4	3	2	1

Explanation:

## 2.2 Deliverables (In terms of bench marked technological output)

Appropriately benched marked	Technology not expected immediately	No technology possible		
5	4	3	2	1

Explanation:

## 2.3 Justification (Technological/techno-economic/societal)

Fully justified		Partly justified		Justification is vague
5	4	3	2	1

Explanation:

## 2.4 Methodology

Appropriate		Not so appropriate		Not appropriate
5	4	3	2	1

Explanation:

## 2.5 Work Plan (Time schedule and milestones)

Well planned		Not well planned		Poorly planned
5	4	3	2	1

Explanation:

## 2.6 Professional Competence of PI and the Project Team

Fully competent		Not so competent		Not competent
5	4	3	2	1

Explanation:

## 2.7 Previous experience of technology development/transfer by the PI and the Project Team

Very well conversant		Not so conversant		No experience so far
5	4	3	2	1

Explanation:

**2.8 Expected availability of the PI for this project** (depending on his/her commitments in other activities)

Sufficiently available	Moderately available		Too many other commitments	
5	4	3	2	1

Explanation:

**2.8 Track Record and Commitment of the Industrial Collaborator, if any.**

*(Opinion may be given only on the basis of reliable information)*

Excellent track record	Moderate track record		Poor track record	
5	4	3	2	1

Explanation:

**2.9 Opinion on the proposed budget**

	Appropriate	Needs revision		Unrealistic	
Item	5	4	3	2	1
Salary	5	4	3	2	1
Equipment	5	4	3	2	1
Consumables	5	4	3	2	1
Contingency	5	4	3	2	1
Travel	5	4	3	2	1
Others	5	4	3	2	1
Total	5	4	3	2	1

Explanation:

**2.10 Budgetary Contribution by the Industrial Partner** *(if any)*

Sufficient	Needs upward revision		Unacceptable	
5	4	3	2	1

Explanation:

**3.0 General Comments on the Project Proposal as a whole** (attach separate sheet, if reqd.)

#### 4.0 Overall Rating of the Project

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
5	4	3	2	1

#### 5.0 Final Recommendation

Recommended as such	Needs Minor Revision*	Needs Major Revision*	Not Recommended
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\* Please give suggestions for changes to be made.

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Signature

Name of the Referee:  
Address

Phone(s)  
Fax  
Email  
Date:

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Date on which the Referee's Report was received: