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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

***Subject: Constitution of the Composition for the Expert Committee (PG Colleges) for 'Fund for Improvement of S&T Infrastructure in Universities and other Higher Educational Institutions (FIST)' Program***

The FIST Scheme facilitates support towards augmenting R&D facilities largely at the University and Academic sectors by augmenting basic infrastructural facilities for conducting research in basic or applied S&T areas. The Program has enabled many Departments and PG Colleges across the country to establish modern R&D facilities to perform cutting edge competitive research activities. The FIST Subject Expert Committee will evolve transparent recommendation guidelines/ mechanism, while necessary, in selecting/ reviewing / recommending under the FIST.

The composition, terms of reference and tenure of the FIST Expert Committee are as follows:

**A. Composition**

**Core Members**

1. Prof. Seyed E. Hasnain,  
Vice Chancellor,  
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2. Prof. D. B. Ramachary  
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15. Dr. Arindam Bhattacharyya  
Scientist 'E' DST, New Delhi

Member Secretary

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**B. Terms of reference:**

1. The FIST Expert Committee will evolve transparent recommendation guidelines/ mechanism, while necessary, in selecting/ reviewing / recommending under the FIST.
2. To evaluate each new proposal as per mechanism and criteria for recommendation to support under FIST within the allocated resources/ budget.
3. To review the progress of ongoing projects as per guidelines and suggest any mid-course correction to the project
4. To deliberate on further evolution of the program.
5. The committee may co-opt any other members, if required.

**C. Tenure**

The tenure of the Subject Expert Committee will be of four years from the date of issue of the Office Memorandum. However, they may continue till further order.

**D. TA/DA**

The members of the Expert Committee will be eligible to TA/DA and honorarium as admissible under rules in force, from time to time, in connection with the Expert Committee meeting and works.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority vide e-File No. 29870 dated 01-09-2020.

  
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Scientist-G & Head,  
R&D Infrastructure Division

To,

1. All Concerned
2. Sr. PPS to Secretary, DST