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Sub: Special deliberation on extension of tenure/up-gradation of CSIR-fellowship from JRF to SRF in view of Covid-19 pandemic -reg.

Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), Human Resource Development Group (CSIR-HRDG) operates CSIR Research Fellowships and Associateships in various fields of Science & Technology which is tenable at Universities/ Colleges/Instts./CSIR-Labs etc. and approx. 8500 research fellows are enrolled in about 630 Institutes/Universities/Colleges all over India. The total tenure of fellowship is 05 years (02 years as JRF + 03 years as SRF). In consonance with CSIR-NET guidelines, for extension of tenure and up-gradation of fellowship from JRF to SRF on completion of two years of JRFship, submission of various documents such as the Progress Report, Assessment Committee's recommendations and Ph.D registration certificate from the host Institutes/Universities/Colleges, are pre-requisites.

As we all are aware that the Nation is under Covid- lockdown since 21.03.2020. All the educational Institutes/Universities/Colleges across the country have been closed since the lockdown was imposed on, resultant, neither the fellows were able to attend institutes during lockdown nor the host institutes are able to conduct their Tenure extension/up-gradation assessment by three members assessment committee and send requisite progress reports thereof to CSIR-HRDG, consequently, disrupting continuation of fellowship and academic activities across the country.

Considering the requests received from number of host institutes/colleges/ universities regarding grant of permission for conducting online assessment of fellows for their up-gradation from JRF to SRF and extension of tenure to facilitate seamless fellowship to CSIR-fellows, and in order to ameliorate the hardship being faced by CSIR-Research Fellows in view of Covid-19 Pandemic, the host colleges/Institutes/ Universities may conduct online assessment of fellows for extension of tenure/up-gradation of fellowship from JRF to SRF as a special case, to ensure research expectations vis-a vis smooth accomplishment of CSIR- fellowship scheme. The CSIR-NET guidelines as available on CSIR-HRDG website shall be scrupulously followed.

This issues with the approval of DG,CSIR.

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