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Part-1

NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR 2025 BRICS INNOVATION CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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BRICS STI Framework Programme

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National Annexure

1. GOAL OF BRICS COORDINATED CALL:

The programme is a multilateral initiative involving BRICS member countries. It seeks to promote collaborative research and innovation under the BRICS STI umbrella. The program aims to build a consortium of minimum two (2) member states (Project consortia) focused on technology maturation, and development of a business model towards future commercialization and market deployment of innovations.

2. FUNDING AGENCIES:

Following research funding organizations from the BRICS countries have agreed to support this BRICS Call:

- **Brazil:**
National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq)
Brazilian Innovation Agency (Finep)
- **Russia:**
Foundation for Assistance to Small Innovative Enterprises (FASIE)
- **India:**
Ministry of Science and Technology
 - **Department of Biotechnology (DBT)**
 - **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)**
- **China:**
Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)
- **South Africa:**
Technology Innovation Agency (TIA)
Water Research Commission (WRC)
- **Egypt**
Science, Technology & Innovation Funding Authority (STDF)
- **Iran**
Iran National Innovation Fund (INIF)

3. Aim of the Joint Call

- 3.1 In pursuance of the XVI BRICS Summit Kazan Declaration this BRICS STI Framework Programme's special action call is aimed at building new cooperative ties between high-tech and innovation-driven institutions within BRICS. The Call acts as a critical catalyst for economic development and improved quality of life of the people in the BRICS nations through R&D carried out by initiatives addressing innovation. The special action program provides an excellent multilateral forum for enabling cooperation activities and addressing common goals through joint S&T efforts. Ministry of Science and Technology (represented by DBT and CSIR), Government of India (GoI) is participating in the said initiative from India.
- 3.2 The program aims to support collaborative multilateral projects focused on technology maturation and development of a business model towards future commercialisation and market deployment of innovations **in all thematic areas**.

- 3.3 Following a bottom-up approach, multinational collaborative projects with a duration of up to 3 years, involving participants from a minimum of two participating BRICS countries, can be submitted in response to the call.
- 3.4 The Ministry of S&T, Govt of India aims to focus efforts to meet UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) not only nationally in India (focusing on India-specific priorities/areas / economic and livelihood growth efforts) but also internationally in the partner BRICS countries with support from BRICS member organisations. The program focuses on developing and scaling up the innovations and to take the socially relevant, economically viable and mutually acceptable technologies trans-border and to promote international industrial partnerships.
- 3.5 **Proposals submitted to DBT under this Call** should be for biotechnology based products/technologies at Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of 3 and above, with established Proof of Concept (PoC). The proposal should contain clear plans for technology maturation, development of a business model towards the innovation's future commercialization, and market deployment
- 3.6 **Proposals being submitted to CSIR under this Call** should focus on internationalising its TRL-6 and above developments, i.e. deployment effort, development of a prototype, technologies/technology-based solutions/products commercialisation, in the global market and development of business models, in collaboration with institutions/industries from partner BRICS countries. The proposal should contain clear plans for technology maturation and the innovation's future commercialization and market deployment. These efforts would be jointly enabled through the funding support from the BRICS partner member organization, supporting collaboration efforts of their respective industries/institutions in their respective countries.
- 3.7 The same proposal should not be submitted to multiple funding agencies.

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

4.1 **With regards to Proposals submitted to DBT**, Indian partners eligible for funding support shall be academic/research organizations engaged in scientific research, that is, legal entities such as institutions/ universities/ registered societies/ registered trusts/ Section-8 companies (not-for-profit)/ voluntary organizations recognized as a Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (SIRO) by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

The scientific R&D performing Indian industry (for-profit companies) may participate voluntarily in this call by investing their own resources or come in collaboration with research/academic organization, on a cost sharing basis where the industry contribution should be minimum 50% of the total project cost.

4.2 **With regards to proposals being submitted to CSIR** for funding, the Joint Projects can be proposed and submitted **by CSIR institutes/units** in collaboration with international industries/organisations in the member BRICS countries. CSIR will fund only CSIR institutes in this program. The non CSIR institutions/universities/ registered societies/ registered trusts/ Section-8 companies (not-for-profit)/ voluntary organizations recognized as a Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (SIRO) by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research are encouraged to participate in the joint projects using their own resources. The scientific R&D performing Indian industry (for-profit companies) are also encouraged to participate in this call by investing their own resources or come in collaboration with research/academic organization, on a cost sharing basis where their contribution should be minimum 50% of the total project cost, claimed by the CSIR institute.

4.3 Participation of Indian industry/other stakeholders in the Projects is desirable to strengthen industry to industry connect between the BRICS members.

4.4 While the participating foreign Industry/organization would be supported by the BRICS member organizations participating in the Call as per their national guidelines, the Indian Industry participants would need to bring their own resources (finances in-kind/in-cash) for their respective participation.

4.5 The resources being brought-in by the Industry/ other institutions participants need to be documented/ indicated in the project application.

Consortium: A joint proposal will comprise of at least one PI from each of the participating countries, and a project coordinator or the leading PI acting as the overall project coordinator. Project consortia should consist of partners from at least two BRICS countries. All applicants must fulfil their respective national eligibility rules for research grant applications.

5. Funding Support for Indian Projects

5.1 Maximum DBT support for each Project: Up to ₹20.0 million with full justification of budget heads for 2/3 years duration subject to obligatory fulfilment of eligibility criteria. The project duration should match with the durations of all partner countries.

5.2 Maximum CSIR support for each Project: CSIR would provide support for upto ₹4.5 million per project with full justification of budget heads for 2-3 year duration, subject to obligatory fulfilment of eligibility criteria. The project duration should match-up with the durations of all partner countries.

5.3 The following specific points may be noted:

- Financial contributions will be provided in compliance with the valid national legislation and internal regulations of the partner organisations.
- Each Party shall meet the costs of its National teams for the mutually approved projects.
- It is the responsibility of the PI to agree to the terms of exchange between the project partners before formal submission of the project proposal. The following principles are generally considered for the exchange:
 - The outgoing Party meets all costs connected with the round-trip international travel up to the partner organization, including overseas travel insurance and emergency health insurance.
 - The receiving Party shall meet all costs connected with the living expenses, including lodging, applicable inter-city travel, and allowances according to their regulations.

5.4 Funding instruments (as per DBT & CSIR guidelines)*

Head	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Equipment: (List of proposed equipment should be given with due justification; Funding should not be focused only on equipment. Capital expenditure toward technology(ies) deployment should take into consideration the national interest and existing/agreed-upon international agreements.)				
Consumables Cost: (as essential for collaborative work. DBT&CSIR will fund such requirement of Indian project partners only)				

Manpower Cost: (Emoluments will be as per DST/Gol norms)				
Mobility of scientists/researchers: DBT: (Funding for foreign travel shall be only for Indian Government Institutions. Foreign travel shall be limited to 1 round trip per year for Indian Investigators to BRICS countries' collaborating institutes for purpose of project review only. Only travel cost through cheapest international economy class fare through shortest route, visa fees, overseas travel insurance, and emergency health insurance shall be covered for Indian Investigator. Lodging and hospitality expenses shall be borne by host institution. National travel for project related work. Hospitality expenses for visiting foreign collaborators to be provided by Indian Partners as per Gol norms) CSIR: (Visits of Indian Investigators to BRICS countries' collaborating institutes for project work and national travel for project related work. Overseas travel cost includes cheapest international economic class fare through shortest route, boarding & lodging (if not provided by the host institution), Visa fees, overseas travel / emergency medical insurance premium for the duration of stay as per CSIR/Gol guidelines. Break-up of Domestic & International travel to be provided separately.)				
Contingency as per DBT&CSIR norms				
Overhead Charges (As per DBT&CSIR norms):Overhead expenses payable to institute for Indian partners				
Total Cost				
Admissible Cost requested from DBT&CSIR				

* In case of proposals being submitted to CSIR, please refer to the CSIR application form for a detailed budget head wise funding table, the total budget should not exceed the total funding support as indicated in section 5.2 above.

Important Notice: This budget table should be made for each Indian participating/applicant partner. Details and justification should be provided for each head.

5.5 Non-Admissible Cost:

- i. Regulatory approval fees;
- ii. Prosecution/litigation costs;
- iii. Any kind of Insurance coverage;
- iv. Salary of investigators;
- v. Capital expenditure for the purchase of assets such as office furniture, motor vehicles, Office equipment viz. desktops, laptops, tablets, cell phones, scanners, printers, photocopy machines.

- vi. Expenditure toward rental;
- vii. International travel to countries other than the one participating within the consortia in a particular call;
- viii. Mere attendance at conferences/ symposiums/ congresses other than project work

6. Other Documents:

PI, whose project is recommended by Expert Committee after peer review for funding, will have to submit necessary documents such as Checklist, IPR arrangement, approvals of necessary authority such as ICMR, National Biodiversity Authority, Institutional Ethical Committee(IEC), Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBSC) Review Committee on Genetic Manipulation (RCGM), Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) and approval for pre-clinical and or human clinical trials etc. as the case may be, and any other documents required by DBT & CSIR.

7. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR BUILDING BRICS MULTILATERAL PROJECTS-BRICS CALL 2025:

- a) The applicants to clearly define project goals along with timelines that could be achieved within project duration (i.e. 3 years). The proposals should clearly indicate the IP/knowledge/technology proposed to be demonstrated, its societal and economic benefits envisaged to be met through execution of the said proposal.
- b) Outcome/deliverables need to be clearly specified
- c) The applicants need to provide short account of on-going bilateral/multilateral projects with BRICS Member States and BRICS countries at large, if any. This is required to determine the essentiality/redundancy of India-BRICS countries and the genuine need for applying for grants under the present coordinated Call for BRICS.
- d) The proposals should clearly bring out novelty and innovation component vis-à-vis global scenario and the scientific and technological benchmarks.
- e) The proposal should elaborate linkages proposed to be developed amongst various project consortium partners for optimization of time and achievement of deliverables
- g) The project managements, milestones, quantitative parameters for monitoring and internal monitoring systems/ procedures need to be spelt out clearly.
- h) The proposal should bring out industrial partner's commitment for taking forward successful solution for wider applications.
- i) The proposal should clearly demonstrate a balanced participation of BRICS partners with properly integrated activities and complementary roles.
- j) The IPR sharing will be governed by national domestic laws and under the framework of BRICS STI MoU and/or India bilateral S&T Agreement with BRICS Countries as applicable. The Indian PI along with other BRICS partner will have to submit an IPR sharing arrangement, technical annex document and Consortium Agreement, In case, the proposal is finally selected for funding support.
- k) Selected PROJECT PI will have to submit necessary documents such as check list, IPR arrangement, approvals of necessary authority such as ICMR, National Biodiversity Authority, Institutional Ethical Committee(IEC), Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBSC) Review Committee on Genetic Manipulation (RCGM), Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) and approval for pre-clinical and or human clinical trials etc as the case may, and any other documents required by DBT or CSIR.

8. PROCESS FOR SUBMISSION of National application of JOINT R&D PROJECT PROPOSALS to national funding agency:

8.1 National Application: Apart from the Joint Application form (JAF) filled by the Project coordinator (of the BRICS Consortia) submitted to BRICS STI FP secretariat (BRICS STI Framework Programme Application Management System (BRICS AMS) at <http://ams.rfbr.ru/BRICS>), the Lead Project Investigator from the Indian side has to submit the National Application to the specific funding agency in India in the prescribed format on or before the closing date. **Please note that the closing date in different BRICS countries may vary. Please refer to the following pages for more information on the Call details:** <http://brics-sti.org/index.php?p=new/40/>

8.2 The applicants may choose the respective funding agency to whom the proposal is being submitted to, based on the nature of the project. Please refer to point 3 and point 4 of this National Annexure for clarity on the choice of the funding agency.

In India, the National Application must be submitted online only. *No hard copy will be accepted.* Applications submitted by any method other than through the online submission form, such as e mail, will be summarily rejected.

For DBT

At DBT's Electronic Project Management Information System (e-ProMIS) at <https://dbtepromis.nic.in> until 16th November 2025 in the prescribed format along with other necessary documents.

For CSIR

At CSIR's International Cooperation Management System (ICMS) <https://www.csir.res.in/en/icms/login> until **16th November 2025**, in the prescribed format along with other necessary documents.

Note: This is an additional requirement in each participating country. Please ensure that your collaborators have also submitted the national document in their respective countries.

Last date for Receipt of Applications:

*Online National Application must be submitted by **16th November 2025**, after which the web-link will be AUTOMATICALLY disabled.*

PLEASE NOTE:

- i. Applications submitted to the Call Secretariat by any method other than through online submission form such as post, fax or telex will be rejected.
- ii. Incomplete or wrongly filled up application format application lacking essential documents will be summarily rejected. Any legal proceedings in respect to any matter of claim or dispute arising out of this advertisement and / or application can be lodged only in Delhi courts/tribunals/ forums and Delhi courts/ tribunal / forums only shall have the sole and exclusive jurisdiction to try any case/dispute.
- iii. Proposal submitted through e-mail will not be entertained. Submission of proposals other than the prescribed format shall summarily be rejected without any further processing as per program norms.
- iv. Intellectual Property Rights / Licensing / Contract agreements: The Intellectual Property Rights in the activities under this call shall be governed through Partnership Agreements formalised between the executing agencies on a case-to-case basis.

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List of Documents Required for Online Submission:

The following documents may be prepared by the Indian PI and uploaded on DBT portal (<https://dbtepromis.nic.in>) or the CSIR ICMS Portal <https://www.csir.res.in/en/icms/login>. The requisite formats are listed below.

- a) Biodata
- b) Certificate from Investigator(s) [Annexure I]
- c) Endorsement from the Head of Institution (on letter head) [Annexure II]
- d) Conflict of Interest [Annexure III]
- e) Complete Proposal (1pdf file and 1Doc file) as indicated in online portal

DECLARATION

It is certified that

1. The research work proposed in the project entitled "[Project Title]" does not in any way duplicate the work already done or being carried out elsewhere on the subject.
2. The same project proposal has not been submitted to any other agency for financial support.
3. The emoluments proposed for the manpower are as admissible to persons of corresponding status employed in the institute/university or as per the Ministry of Science & Technology guidelines.
4. If the project involves the utilization of genetically engineered organisms, we agree to submit an application through our Institutional Bio safety Committee. We also declare that while conducting experiments, the Bio Safety Guidelines of the Department of Biotechnology / Govt. Of India would be followed into.
5. If the project involves field trials/experiments/exchange of specimens, etc. we will ensure that ethical clearances would be taken from concerned ethical Committees/ competent authorities and the same would be conveyed to the Department of Biotechnology/Council of Scientific and Industrial Research before implementing the project.
6. If the Project requires any statutory permission(s) from any authority to carry out the project, the same would be obtained and intimated to DBT/CSIR before taking up research activities.
7. Clearance for foreign collaborative projects from appropriate administrative authority shall be obtained and submitted to the DBT/ CSIR prior to initiation of project activities.
8. It is agreed that any research outcome or intellectual property right(s) on the invention(s) arising out of the project shall be taken in accordance with the instructions issued by Department of Biotechnology / Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Govt. Of India.
9. We agree to accept the terms and conditions of Department of Biotechnology / Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Govt. Of India.
10. The institute/university agrees that the equipment, other basic facilities and such other administrative facilities as per terms and conditions of the grant will be extended to investigator(s) throughout the duration of the project.
11. The Principal Investigator(s) involved in the project has sufficient service duration to carry out the project. In case his tenure get expire before completion of project necessary provision would be made to allow him to complete the project for its logical conclusion.
12. The Institute assumes to undertake the financial and other management responsibilities of the project.
13. If any biological data as specified in the guidelines is being generated in the project, same will be submitted to Indian Biological Data Centre – The National Repository, at RCB, Faridabad, in accordance to Biotech-PRIDE Guidelines 2021.
14. The details & information given in the Project proposal are true & factual.
15. It will be the responsibility of the Project Investigator/ Implementing Institute to submit a fresh declaration certificate if the project gets recommended for funding and there is any change in the points above.

Signature & Seal of:

Indian Project Co-ordinator

Indian Project Investigator

Executive authority of Implementing Agency

Endorsement from the Head of Institution
(To be given on letter head)

Project Title:

1. Certified that the Institute welcomes participation of Dr_____ as the Principal Investigator and Dr_____ as the Principal Co-Investigator for the project and that in the unforeseen event of discontinuance by the Principal Investigator, the Principal Co-Investigator will assume the responsibility of the fruitful completion of the project (with due information to DBT&CSIR).
2. Certified that the equipment and other basic facilities as enumerated at Point 16 and such other administrative facilities as per terms and conditions of the grant, will be extended to the investigator(s) throughout the duration of the project.
3. Institute assumes to undertake the financial and other management responsibilities of the project.

Name and Signature of Head of Institution

Date:

Place:

**MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR
REVIEWER & COMMITTEE MEMBER or APPLICANT or DST/DBT/CSIR OFFICER ASSOCIATED/
DEALING WITH THE SCHEME/ PROGRAM OF DST/DBT/CSIR**

Issues of Conflicts of Interest and ethics in scientific research and research management have assumed greater prominence, given the larger share of Government funding in the country's R&D scenario. The following policy pertaining to general aspects of Conflicts of Interest and code of ethics, are objective measures that is intended to protect the integrity of the decision-making processes and minimize bias. The policy aims to sustain transparency, increase accountability in funding mechanisms and provide assurance to the general public that processes followed in the award of grants are fair and non-discriminatory. The Policy aims to avoid all forms of bias by following a system that is fair, transparent and free from all influence/ unprejudiced dealings, prior to, during and subsequent to the currency of the programme to be entered into with a view to enable public to abstain from bribing or any corrupt practice in order to secure the award by providing assurance to them that their competitors will also refrain from bribing and other corrupt practice and the decision makers will commit to prevent corruption, in any form, by their officials by following transparent procedures. This will also ensure a global acceptance of the decision making process adopted by DBT & CSIR.

Definition of Conflict of Interest:

Conflict of Interest means "any interest which could significantly prejudice an individual's objectivity in the decision-making process, thereby creating an unfair competitive advantage for the individual or to the organization which he/she represents". The Conflict of Interest also encompasses situations where an individual, in contravention to the accepted norms and ethics, could exploit his/her obligatory duties for personal benefits.

1. Coverage of the Policy:

- a) The provisions of the policy shall be followed by persons applying for and receiving funding from DBT&CSIR, Reviewers of the proposal and Members of Expert Committees and Programme Advisory Committees. The provisions of the policy will also be applicable on all individuals including Officers of DBT&CSIR connected directly or indirectly or through intermediaries and Committees involved in evaluation of proposals and the subsequent decision-making process.
- b) This policy aims to minimize aspects that may constitute actual Conflict of Interests, apparent Conflict of Interests and potential Conflict of Interests in the funding mechanisms that are presently being operated by DBT&CSIR. The policy also aims to cover, although not limited to, conflicts of interests that are Financial (gains from the outcomes of the proposal or award), Personal (association of relative / family members) and Institutional (Colleagues, Collaborators, Employer, persons associated in a professional career of an individual such as Ph.D. supervisor etc.)

2. Specifications as to what constitutes Conflict of Interest.

Any of the following specifications (non-exhaustive list) implies Conflict of Interest if,

- (i) Due to any reason by which the Reviewer/Committee Member cannot deliver fair and objective assessment of the proposal.

- (ii) The applicant is a directly relative or family member (including but not limited to spouse, child, sibling, parent) or personal friend of the individual involved in the decision-making process or alternatively, if any relative of an Officer directly involved in any decision-making process / has influenced interest/ stake in the applicant's form etc.
- (iii) The applicant for the grant/award is an employee or employer of an individual involved in the process as a Reviewer or Committee Member; or if the applicant to the grant/award has had an employer-employee relationship in the past three years with that individual.
- (iv) The applicant to the grant/award belongs to the same Department as that of the Reviewer/Committee Member.
- (v) The Reviewer/Committee Member is a Head of an Organization from where the applicant is employed.
- (vi) The Reviewer /Committee Member is or was associated in the professional career of the applicant (such as Ph.D. supervisor, Mentor, present Collaborator etc.)
- (vii) The Reviewer/Committee Member is involved in the preparation of the research proposal submitted by the applicant.
- (viii) The applicant has joint research publications with the Reviewer/Committee Member in the last three years.
- (ix) The applicant/Reviewer/Committee Member, in contravention of the accepted norms and ethics followed in scientific research, has a direct/indirect financial interest in the outcomes of the proposal.
- (x) The Reviewer/Committee Member stands to gain personally should the submitted proposal be accepted or rejected.

The Term "Relative" for this purpose would be referred in section 6 of the Companies Act, 1956.

3. Regulation:

The DBT&CSIR shall strive to avoid conflict of interest in its funding mechanisms to the maximum extent possible. Self-regulatory mode is, however, recommended for stakeholders involved in scientific research and research management, on issues pertaining to Conflict of Interest and scientific ethics. Any disclosure pertaining to the same must be made voluntarily by the applicant/Reviewer/Committee Member.

4. Confidentiality:

The Reviewers and the Members of the Committee shall safeguard the confidentiality of all discussions and decisions taken during the process and shall refrain from discussing the same with any applicant or a third party, unless the Committee recommends otherwise and records for doing so.

5. Code of Conduct

5.1 To be followed by Reviewers/Committee Members:

- (a) All reviewers shall submit a conflict of interest statement, declaring the presence or absence of any form of conflict of interest.
- (b) The reviewers shall refrain from evaluating the proposals if the conflict of interest is established or if it is apparent.
- (c) All discussions and decisions pertaining to conflicts of interest shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

- (d) The Chairman of the Committee shall decide on all aspects pertaining to conflict of interest.
- (e) The Chairman of the Committee shall request that all members disclose if they have any conflict of interest in the items of the agenda scheduled for discussion.
- (f) The Committee Members shall refrain from participating in the decision-making process and leave the room with respect to the specific item where the conflict of interest is established or is apparent.
- (g) If the Chairman himself/herself has a conflict of interest, the Committee may choose a Chairman from among the remaining members, and the decision shall be made in consultation with Member Secretary of the Committee.
- (h) It is expected that a Committee member, including the Chairperson will not seek funding from a Committee in which he/she is a member. If any member applies for a grant, such proposals will be evaluated separately outside the Committee in which he/she is a member.

5.2 To be followed by the Applicant to the Grant/Award:

- (a) The applicant must refrain from suggesting referees with potential conflicts of interest that may arise due to the factors mentioned in the specifications described above in Point No. 2.
- (b) The applicant may mention the names of individuals to whom the submitted proposal should not be sent for refereeing, clearly indicating the reasons for the same.

5.3 To be followed by the Officers dealing with Programs in DST/DBT/CSIR:

While it is mandatory for the program officers to maintain confidentiality as detailed in point no. 6 above, they should declare, in advance, if they are dealing with grant applications of a relative or family member (including but not limited to spouse, child, sibling, parent) or thesis/ post-doctoral mentor or stands to benefit financially if the applicant proposal is funded. In such cases, DBT&CSIR will allot the grant applications to the other program officer.

6. Sanction for violation

6.1 For a) Reviewers / Committee Members and b) Applicant

Any breach of the code of conduct will invite action as decided by the Committee.

6.2 For Officers dealing with Program in DBT&CSIR

Any breach of the code of conduct will invite action under the present provision of CCS (Conduct Rules), 1964.

7. Final Appellate authority:

Secretary, DBT & CSIR shall be the appellate authority in issues pertaining to the conflict of interest and issues concerning the decision-making process. The decision of the Secretary (DBT), or Secretary (DSIR) and Director General (CSIR), respectively, in these issues shall be final and binding.

8. Declaration

I have read the above “Policy on Conflict of Interest” of the DBT/CSIR applicable to the Reviewer/ Committee Member/ Applicant/ Scheme or Program Officer# and agree to abide by provisions thereof.

I hereby declare that I have no conflict of interest of any form pertaining to the proposed grant *

I hereby declare that I have conflict of interest of any form pertaining to the proposed grant *

* & # (*Tick whichever is applicable*)

Name of the Reviewer/ Committee Member/ Applicant/Scheme or Program Officer(*Strike out whichever is not applicable*)

(Signature with date)