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To,

Dr. Biswajit Bera
Tea Board of India
Darjeeling Tea Research and Development Centre
Kurseong, Darjeeling
West Bengal-734203

Subject: Approval of the Medium Grant (MG) for the project entitled " Development of Microbial Inoculants to Improve Growth and Productivity of Darjeeling and Assam Tea "

Sir,

I am directed to convey the approval of the Competent Authority for the above-mentioned project at a total cost of **Rs. 73,60,640.00 (Rupees: Seventy Three Lakh Sixty Thousand Six Hundred Forty Only)** for a period of three years, as per the break-up given below:-

Head	1 st year (in Rs.)	2 nd year (in Rs.)	3 rd year (in Rs.)	Total grant
A. Recurring				
(i) Salary: 01 JRF@Rs.25,000/- +HRA@24% per month for first two years and Rs.28,000/-+HRA@24% per month for third year. 02 project assistant @Rs.15,000/- per month fix for three years.	732000.00	732000.00	776640.00	2240640.00
(ii) Travel(Domestic):	180000.00	180000.00	110000.00	470000.00
(iii) Consumables: Chemicals, Glassware and plastic ware	1000000.00	1000000.00	700000.00	2700000.00
(iv) Contingency:	130000.00	130000.00	140000.00	400000.00
(v) Activities & other project cost:	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(vi) Institutional charges/ Overhead :	50000.00	50000.00	50000.00	150000.00
B. Non Recurring				
(i) Equipment: Spectrophotometer-01 nos., Autoclave-01 nos., Oxford nanopore sequencer with accessories-01 nos., and high-end workstation-01 nos.	1400000.00	Nil	Nil	1400000.00
Grand Total A+B	3492000.00	2092000.00	1776640.00	7360640.00

2. The approval of the project is subject to incorporation of following points:

- Tea Board of India should share the cost of technology transfer of bio-fertilizer to tea gardens.
- A report based on baseline data should be submitted by the project proponent in the **1st quarter of the project** since the initiation of the project, and quantification of improvement in economic status of beneficiaries against baseline should be specified. The PI must also submit the baseline data, past work done and **all the supporting data generated** under the NMHS Project along with the quarterly progress report to NMHS-PMU.