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Project Director

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No. NRCPB/PS/32

The Deputy Director General (CS)  
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Sir,

I would like to bring to your attention that subsequent to the conditional relief of Dr K.C. Bansal, Principal Scientist, NRCPB to join as Director, NBPGR on October 27, 2011, NRCPB has been grappling with many issues w.r.t several scientific, technical, official and administrative matters. These have been brought to the attention of Dr K.C. Bansal, Dr J. S. Sandhu (ADG-Seed) and your good self several times in the past nine months. I recount all these issues in brief and seek your urgent intervention.

**Scientific:**

*Transgenic seed:*

Dr K.C. Bansal has not handed over the seed of GM mustard, Slow-ripening tomato and chloroplast transformed mustard in spite of several reminders. This has seriously jeopardized our Network efforts to develop abiotic stress tolerant mustard. In addition, we were not able to provide satisfactory replies to RTI queries probing chloroplast mustard and slow-ripening tomato.

*Genes and clones:*

In spite of several requests, Dr Bansal had not provided an inventory of genes, clones, sequences etc to Dr Kanika, which caused many problems while reporting to NPTC, DBT, NAIP etc.,

*Project Files:*

Dr Bansal was operating three externally funded projects (DBT, NAIP and NPTC) and the relevant project files were not handed over to Scientist-in-Charge of Abiotic Stress lab, which caused problems in accounting and reporting to the agencies.

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*Project Reports:*

IARI has reminded NRCPB five times till now with regard to the Final Report of a DBT funded project related to tomato operated by Dr K.C. Bansal.

*Student supervision:*

Dr Bansal has M.Sc and Ph.D students who are left unmonitored and unsupervised since November 2010. The students have been idling away their time watching sports and social network sites on internet.

*Kidwai Award:*

Dr K.C. Bansal has not taken any official step to apply for the patent regarding chloroplast-transformed brinjal about which a claim was made in the Kidwai Award citation and which did not exist. ITMC reminded him three times in the past one year. The SMD was suitably informed in this regard.

**Official:**

*Transfer of equipment:*

Dr Bansal was requested several times to transfer the permanent equipment, worth crores of rupees to NRCPB staff, but in vain. Annual physical verification of assets and equipment is hampered due to this reason.

*RPFs:*

Dr K.C. Bansal has not submitted RPF I (2009-2014) approved by RAC/IARI in proper format till today. Submission of RPF II need to be submitted for the years 2009-10 and 2010-11. IASRI (PIMS-ICAR) reminded NRCPB several times in this regard.

**Administrative:**

*APARs*

Dr K. C. Bansal has not submitted his APARs for the following years in spite of several reminders. Years: 18-9-2004 to 31-3-2005 (part of 2004-05); 2005-2006, 26-10-2006 to 31-3-2007 (part of 2006-07); 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

NRCPB was reminded by DARE (P-IV) several times in this regard.

**I sincerely request you to take necessary action, which would facilitate the newly joined Principal Scientist and Senior Scientist (Abiotic Stress Management) to carry forward the programme of national priority rather than starting it *ab initio*.**

Sincerely Yours

  
P. Ananda Kumar

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