## DST/WISE-KIRAN/EXT-1/2021 Government of India

## Department of India Department of Science & Technology WISE-KIRAN Division

Technology Bhavan New Mehrauli Road New Delhi-110016 Dated: 01.06.2021

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject:** Extension of Project Duration in Women Scientist Scheme (WOS-A & WOS-B) of WISE-KIRAN Division due to COVID-19 pandemic.

In view of extraordinary situation occurred due to COVID-19 pandemic, it has been decided to extend the project duration by One year without any additional cost under Women Scientists Scheme (WOS-A and WOS-B).

- 2. This OM will be applicable only in the projects completing their tenure during 01.01.2021 30.09.2021 and will not be applicable in the projects getting over before 01.01.2021 and after 30.09.2021.
- 3. This OM will not be applicable in the projects extended earlier vide OM No. DST/KIRAN/04/2020 dated 09.10.2020.
- 4. The Principal Investigators (PIs) who wanted to extend their project duration may show this Office Memorandum to the Institution/University authorities. No separate Order will be issued for this duration.
- 5. The PI also need to intimate DST (officer-in-charge of the concern programmes) about extension and modified date of project closure through email mandatorily.
- 6. The unspent amount of recurring and non-recurring grant will be carry forward from 2020-21 to 2021-22. PIs are allowed to procure approved equipment items in second financial year of the project but equipment cannot be purchased in third financial year.
- 7. The institute will furnish to the DST, Utilization certificate and an audited statement of accounts pertaining to the grant immediately after the end of each financial year.
- 8. As per the 212 (i) of GFR, the accounts of the project shall be open to inspection by sanctioning authority and audit both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India under the provision of CAG (DPC) Act, 1971 and internal audit by the Principal Accounts Officer of DST, whenever the institute or organization is called upon to do so.

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

- 1. All the Directors/Registrars/Account Officers of the Host Institutions.
- 2. Principal Investigators of all above mentioned programmes.
- 3. Office of Secretary, DST.
- 4. IFD, DST

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