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## Approval Letter

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**Approval Letter**

File Number: PDF/2017/003066

Dated: 06-Oct-2017

Subject: Your application for the award of SERB National Post-Doctoral fellowship

Dear Dr. Rafiq Ahmad Lone,

We are happy to inform you that your application cited above has been approved by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) for funding under National Post-Doctoral Fellowship Scheme. The following are the approved items for a period of two years.

Sl. No.	Budget Head	Amount
1.	Fellowship	Rs. 55,000/- per month (consolidated)
2.	Research Grant	Rs. 2,00,000/- per annum
3.	Overheads	Rs. 1,00,000/- per annum

This approval letter is valid subject to the fulfilment of all the eligibility criteria for the NPFD and submission of required documents.

You are requested to inform the tentative date of joining the fellowship in the host institute and submit relevant documents such as RTGS details, ethical / biosafety / stem cell / wildlife clearances and other relevant documents as applicable to your project within three months from the date of receipt of this letter.

The fellows shall be allowed to join in the host institute only after the issue of "Sanction Order" which is subject to the acceptance of the above documents by the competent authority in SERB and the fund availability aspects. The fellow is required to join within a month of issue of sanction order and submit the joining report, pending which the approval shall stand withdrawn. In exceptional cases, the joining period can be extended by another one-month subject to the approval of competent authority in SERB.

The funds are expected to be released to host institution within three weeks of issue of sanction order. The Fellowship will be effective from the date of issue of sanction order or date of joining in the host institution whichever is later.

If you have submitted your thesis and awaiting the award of Ph.D. degree, you will receive Rs. 35000 p.m. (consolidated) as fellowship till you qualify for the eligible degree. The fellowship amount will be enhanced to Rs. 55000 p.m. from the eligible date, on submission of the qualifying degree document. In such a case, you will be required to upload the Ph.D. degree certificate (even if provisional) through the online portal, with intimation to the undersigned by email.

You will be governed by the norms of host institution during the tenure of the fellowship. Please visit our website [www.serbonline.in](http://www.serbonline.in) for the terms & conditions of the grant.

Kindly quote the reference number in all future correspondence. The Fellowship reference no. **PDF/2017/003066** should be mentioned in all research outputs (publications/patent etc.) arising from the fellowship.

With kind regards,  
(Dr. Thangaradjou T)  
Scientist E  
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**Dr. Rafiq Ahmad Lone**

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## Acknowledgement

I accept the offer of National Post-Doctoral Fellowship, I will also abide by the guidelines of this scheme and that of SERB.