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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: National Postdoctoral Fellowship (NPDF) of Science and Engineering Research Board – Extension of Fellowship of 2019 Batch NPPDFs due to COVID 19 Impact

Attention is invited to the Office Memorandum (O.M.) of even no. dated 9 April 2021 issued by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) on extension of Fellowship due to lockdown. The matter has been further considered and taking note of the impact of COVID-19 on the planned research work of National Postdoctoral Fellows (NPPDFs), SERB has approved extension of the tenure of the Fellowship of 2019 Batch for a period up-to six months with fellowship. The extension will allow the NPPDFs to complete the work as originally planned and suffered due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

2. The extension is applicable to NPPDFs who were selected through the call for applications made in the year 2019 (2019 Batch of NPPDFs) in all disciplines. The Fellows who fall in the above-mentioned category and desire to seek extension should provide the details of research work which specifically got affected due to the impact of COVID-19. The extension request along with recommendations of the mentor should be endorsed by the host institution. Fellowship at the existing rate will be given to the fellows but no additional research grant or overhead charges will be provided during the extended period.

3. This issues with the approval of Chairman, SERB vide Dy. No. ER-263475 dated 15.12.2021.



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