

GENESIS, INCEPTION & FORMATION OF THE INSTITUTE

INTRODUCTION

Realizing the need to develop institutional capabilities for quality control of biologicals, the Government of India (GOI), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) in collaboration with the US Government, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) & Government of Japan, Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund (OECF) had envisaged NIB as an apex scientific institution in the country to act as a National Control Laboratory for assuring the availability of high standards and good quality of biological products i.e., vaccines, anti-sera, anti-toxins, blood products, recombinant DNA products, reagents, immunodiagnostic kits etc. that are either indigenously manufactured for consumption within the country or for export and those imported into the country. This project will also develop the institutional capabilities of Government of India to effectively monitor the quality of biological products available in India. NIB was a project of the MoHFW and high priority was attached to it by GOI as the Institution would not only have the latest state of art technology but would also be a Centre of Excellence. The Institute was registered as an autonomous institution of the MoHFW on the 27th January, 1992 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

During this period in the revised loan agreement, the OECF (Japan) had agreed to support the following items of work of NIB:

- i) Site utilities / external services at NIB campus
- ii) Construction of NIB campus
- iii) Equipment (Fixed) for NIB campus
- iv) Vehicles
- v) Renovation of interim facility
- vi) Land development cost at NOIDA

INTERIM FACILITY

The purpose for setting up the interim facility was to (a) start the Quality Control testing of some of the important biologicals i.e., vaccine, blood reagents / products, immunodiagnostic kits in a limited way (b) expose the scientists to their Quality Assurance / Quality Control methodologies and (c) improving scientific and technical skills of the scientists through in-country and external training for handling the permanent facility laboratories when they are ready.

For setting up the temporary facility, NIB hired a building at Jhandewalan Extension, New Delhi. The Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (I) Limited (HSCC) was given the assignment of

renovating the building and setting up the interim laboratories and the office area. The list of equipment required for the laboratories in the interim facility was prepared in consultation with NIH by HSCC in August 1993 and was submitted to NIH / FDA / OECF for necessary approval.

The detailed information with respect to HoDs appointed from time to time are available at the Institute's website (https://www.nib.gov.in/list_of_directors.aspx).

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