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SERB Indo-US Postdoctoral Fellowship 2016/ 54-Rajat Saha

Sub: Details of financial support to Dr. Rajat Saha, Central University of Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh for SERB Indo-US Postdoctoral Fellowship for the year 2016 for an approved period of twelve months to undertake research at University of Utah, Utah, USA hosted by Prof. Peter J. Stang and release of subsequent grants in the financial year 2016-17.

Dear Dr. Saha,

To build national capacity in frontier areas of Science and Engineering, the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Govt. of India and Indo-US Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF) have partnered to support the SERB-Indo-US Postdoctoral Fellowship Program as an initiative under the SERB Overseas Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme (SERB-OPDF).

As already informed in our Award intimation email dated 22nd July 2016 that you have been selected for the **SERB Indo-US Postdoctoral Fellowship** for the year 2016 supported by the *Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB)* and *Indo-US Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF)*.

Following Grant- in-aid budget details are being approved by IUSSTF towards supporting you to undertake research at University of Utah, Utah, USA hosted by Prof. Peter J. Stang for SERB Indo-US Postdoctoral Fellowship for the year 2016 for an approved period of twelve months proposed to tentatively commence in the month of November 2016. The advance grants would be released in due course of time.

S.No.	Heads	Amount (INR)
1.	International air ticket costs for travel to the US & back <i>(Air tickets will be issued directly by IUSSTF travel desk on Air India Airlines by economy class and shortest route, as per SERB guidelines)</i>	1,50,000
2.	Monthly Stipend @ US\$ 3000 per month for 12 months US\$ 3000 x 12 months i.e. US\$36000 US\$36,000 x Rs. 67 i.e. Rs. 24,12,000	24,12,000
3.	Overseas Medical Insurance at a maximum of Rs. 20,000 or at actuals*	20,000*
4.	Personal contingent grant <i>(The personal contingency is to cover expenses for US Visa and airport transfers for the duration of the fellowship)</i>	60,000
5.	Conference grant for the SERB- Indo US Research Fellow. This will be released up to a maximum amount of Rs. 74,000.00 only <i>(The fellow seeks formal approval prior from SERB and IUSSTF for attending the conference)</i>	74,000

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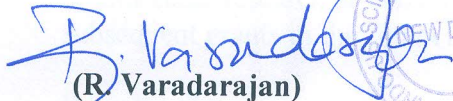
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6.	Total amount of grants budgeted for the funding of the SERB- Indo US Research Fellow Dr. Rajat Saha by IUSSTF (S. No-1-5)	Rs. 27,16,000
	Equivalent in US\$	\$40,537.00

Note: Exchange Conversion rate as on 02.09.2016: 1 US\$ = Rs. 67

With support of this letter, you may pursue with the U.S Host Institute for issuance of the necessary documentation for facilitating your visit for availing the SERB Indo-US Postdoctoral Fellowship for the year 2016.

Best regards,


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