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To,
Dr.K. Saminathan,
Kongunadu Arts and Science College, Coimbatore

Sub: Support to conduct I-STEM technical training for Skill Manpower in the country

Dear Dr. K. Saminathan

I-STEM is pleased to inform you that the committee/I-STEM has recommended to support with the catalytic grant, the initiative of skill development training and create a pool of skilled manpower to make them available for the R&D labs across the country for training on equipment "1. Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy – attenuated total reflectance (FTIR-ATR) & 2. Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (AAS)" at Sophisticated Instrument Facilities (SIF), in a "reverse funding" manner, i.e., via partial reimbursement of expenses actually incurred, upon submission of valid document. I-STEM will provide monetary support of up to Rs. 2,90,000/ (Two lakh and ninety thousand only) for conducting this training program as requested.

The following conditions must be adhered to get the support as catalytic funding:

1. The equipment you need to use in your institution must be listed at the I-STEM portal and booking for training slots must be done through the booking calendars for record and auto billing/receipt.
2. The consumables which need to be procured for this training (if any) may be listed at the I-STEM portal (suppliers map) only and request of these consumables may be raised through the portal, if possible.
3. The purchase of the equipment/or its accessories/software are not permitted with the catalytic grant.
4. The travel cost up to 3rd AC Class Rail Fare (No tatkal fare) or actual for each visit (if any), whichever is less, will be reimbursed.
5. Lodging/boarding cost of trainers (if any) will be allowed up to 1500/ per day or actual, whichever is less, for staying at the location, nearby/within the host institute.
6. The invoices must be submitted within 30 (thirty) days from the date of services/ invoice(s) generated along with a technical report to I-STEM.
7. Original Bills for travel via rail/bus (if any) from the parent institute (where you are registered) to the host institution (where tests/analyses are conducted) must be submitted for reimbursement. Bills for travel by Autorikshaw/Taxi will not be reimbursed, if submitted.
8. The user needs to acknowledge the support provided by the I-STEM, in all the publications, academic thesis, and official technical reports stemming from the project. The acknowledged statement may be stated as follows: *"The Author(s) acknowledge that the work reported here was supported in part by I-STEM (Indian Science, Technology, and Engineering facilities Map) program, funded by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Govt. of India."*


National Coordinator, I-STEM

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