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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2222**  
ANSWERED ON 16/12/2021

**WORKING OF THE JC BOSE FELLOWS SELECTION COMMITTEE**

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the process through which the JC Bose Fellows are selected for each term and the reasons for rejection by the Secretary, Science and Engineer Research Board;
- (b) whether the rejected scientists were informed of the reason for the same;
- (c) the duration of each member of the Selection Committee; and
- (d) the frequency of changes in the JC Bose Selection Committee in the past and names of the previous members of the committee?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE  
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES  
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(a) The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), a Statutory body of the Department of Science and Technology selects JC Bose Fellows based on the recommendations of a Search-cum-Selection Committee specifically constituted for the purpose. The process of selection of Fellows involves following steps:

- i. Preliminary scrutiny of the nominations to examine fulfilment of general guidelines of the fellowship, and
- ii. Scientific and Technical evaluation by the Search-cum-Selection Committee.

The Search-cum-Selection Committee deliberates each nomination in detail and considers several parameters including the research carried out by the nominees during the last 5 years, and the recognitions received based on their work for taking a decision. SERB selects or rejects nominations based on the recommendations of the Search-cum-Selection Committee.

(b) The decision of the Search-cum-Selection Committee along with the reasons for rejection is informed to the concerned scientist.

(c) & (d) The duration of the Search-cum-Selection Committee, the frequency of changes along with the names of the members since inception of the JC Bose Fellowship Scheme are given below:

Period: 2006-2015

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|--------|-------------------------------------|---|----------|
| (i).   | Prof. CNR Rao, JNCASR, Bangalore    | - | Chairman |
| (ii).  | Prof. P. Rama Rao, ARCI, Hyderabad. |   |          |
| (iii). | Secretary, DST                      |   |          |
| (iv).  | Secretary, DBT                      |   |          |

Period: 2015-2016

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|--------|---------------------------------------|---|----------|
| (i).   | Prof. R. Narasimha, JNCASR, Bangalore | - | Chairman |
| (ii).  | Prof. M. K. Bhan, New Delhi           |   |          |
| (iii). | Dr. T. Ramasami, Chennai              |   |          |
| (iv).  | Prof. Ajay Sood, IISc, Bangalore      |   |          |
| (v).   | Secretary, DST                        |   |          |
| (vi).  | Secretary, DBT                        |   |          |
| (vii). | Secretary, SERB                       |   |          |

Period: 2016-2018

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|---------|--|---|----------|
| (i).    | Prof. R. Narasimha, JNCASR, Bangalore    | - | Chairman |
| (ii).   | Prof. M. K. Bhan, New Delhi              |   |          |
| (iii).  | Prof. Ajay Sood, IISc, Bangalore         |   |          |
| (iv).   | Prof. S. Chandrasekaran, IISc, Bangalore |   |          |
| (v).    | Prof. Kalyan Sinha, JNCASR, Bangalore    |   |          |
| (vi).   | Secretary, DST                           |   |          |
| (vii).  | Secretary, DBT                           |   |          |
| (viii). | Secretary, SERB                          |   |          |

Period: 2018-2021

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|---------|--|---|----------|
| (i).    | Prof. A.K. Sood, IISc, Bangalore       | - | Chairman |
| (ii).   | Prof. S. Sivaram, IISER, Pune          |   |          |
| (iii).  | Prof. M.R.S. Rao, JNCASR, Bangalore    |   |          |
| (iv).   | Prof. R. Balasubramanian, IMS, Chennai |   |          |
| (v).    | Prof. M.L. Munjal, IISc, Bangalore     |   |          |
| (vi).   | Secretary, DST                         |   |          |
| (vii).  | Secretary, DBT                         |   |          |
| (viii). | Secretary, SERB                        |   |          |

Period: 2021-2024

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| (i).    | Prof. S. Sivaram, IISER, Pune               | - | Chairman |
| (ii).   | Prof. Seyed Ehtesham Hasnain, IIT Delhi     |   |          |
| (iii).  | Prof. R. Balasubramanian, IMS, Chennai      |   |          |
| (iv).   | Prof. Devang V. Khakhar, IIT Bombay, Mumbai |   |          |
| (v).    | Prof. C.J. Jog, IISc, Bangalore             |   |          |
| (vi).   | Secretary, DST                              |   |          |
| (vii).  | Secretary, DBT                              |   |          |
| (viii). | Secretary, SERB                             |   |          |

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