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Subject: Joint Research Project under the ICSSR (India)-NIHSS (South Africa) joint research programme in the field of social sciences.

Dear Sir,

This is in continuation of our letter dated 17th December 2015 to conveying the acceptance of the ICSSR for your research work on proposal entitled **"Religion, Yoga and Education in India and South Africa"** jointly submitted with **Dr. Lokesh Ramnath Maharajh,** University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa under the ICSSR (India) – NIHSS (South Africa) joint research programme.

I am happy to convey the approval of the ICSSR in connection with your research work as mentioned above. As per provisions of funding, the ICSSR will provide funding of **Rs. 4, 94, 500** (Rupees Four Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Five Hundred only) towards travel expenses and related costs (Visas, Insurance, Domestic/Local Travels etc) and research expenses, as per the tentative budget estimate submitted by you. The NIHSS will provide funding as per their rules, which includes local hospitality including accommodation and domestic travel/transport, etc for the Indian scholars visiting the South Africa.

The approved budget of **Rs. 4, 94, 500** (Rupees Four Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Five Hundred only) will be released to JNU, New Delhi in three installments:

a. The first installment of **Rs. 1, 97, 800** (Rupees One Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Eight Hundred only) will be released on receipt of a grant-in-aid bill duly signed by the competent authority (Copy enclosed) for the first year of the project.

b. The second installment of **Rs. 1, 97, 800** (Rupees One Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Eight Hundred only) will be released at the beginning of the second year of the project.

c. Last and final installment of **Rs 98, 900** (Rupees Ninety Eight Thousand Nine Hundred only) after completion of the visit and on receipt of a report along with audited statement of account and utilization certificate (Copy enclosed).

The other terms and conditions of the award would be as follows:

i. This research project will be affiliated to the **University of Delhi, Delhi**.

ii. The expenses on airfare, visa charges, travel insurance etc are chargeable as per actual expenditure.

III. Under the programme, the ICSSR will reimburse the airfare of **ONE VISIT** only. However, the local hospitality will be taken care by host institution.

IV. Joint Research Project has to be completed by the end of 2017 and intermediate report is to be submitted by the end of 2016.

V. The lead collaborator in association with the host institution must undertake to make all the necessary practical and administrative arrangements for the visit.

VI. In addition, by supporting the application the host research centre or group makes a commitment to work towards research collaboration with the visiting scholar(s) and the partner institution.

VII. The affiliating institute will maintain accounts of expenditure and forward audited statement of accounts to the ICSSR and refund the unspent balance, if any, on completion of the project.

VIII. The Indian Lead Collaborator will draw grant from the affiliating institution as and when required as per the requirements in accordance with the budgetary provisions.

IX. The Indian scholars visiting South Africa will be eligible for International travel costs (economy class lowest fare) by Air India, visa charges, and local/domestic travel costs in India.

X. The Indian Lead Collaborator shall have full discretion to spend the funds as per approved budget heads and amount of the budget to carry out the visits and research as per the approved research project.

XI. The Lead Collaborator of India will be fully responsible to interact with his joint research project partner in South Africa and ensure his/her concurrence before launching the project.

XII. The ICSSR reserves the right to change/alter the norms/guidelines to facilitate the project work and funding.

XIII. The grant does not cover any expenditure incurred in the South Africa.

XIV. The activities under this programme will also be governed by the guidelines of the "Joint Call for Research Proposals 2015".

XV. After completion of the Project, the lead collaborator is required to submit the final report of the project within three months of the completion of the research work. The final report should mention the output (such as working papers that should lead to publications). Publications should mention the possible policy applications of the results of the research. The Publications should also mention the Indo-NIHSS (Joint Research Project) programme in the Social Sciences as source of funding.

M.P.Madhukar
For Member-Secretary

Copy to:

1. Finance Branch, ICSSR: The expenditure involved will be debited to the Budget Head Accounts- (J) International Collaborations (ICSSR-NIHSS Joint Research Programme)
2. **The Registrar**
   University of Delhi,
   North Campus
   Delhi-110007
3. Record File

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For Member-Secretary

ICSSR Sanctioned Budget

S No	Types of Expenses	Rupees Costs by ICSSR
1.	Travel expenses and related costs (Visas, Insurance, Domestic/Local Travels etc)	1, 00, 000
2.	Internal /Domestic Travel Costs	80, 000
3.	Accomodation	70, 000
4.	Research Costs	2, 10, 000
	TOTAL	4, 60, 000
5.	Overhead Institutional Costs (7.5% of the total budget)	34, 500
	GRAND TOTAL	**4,94,500**

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