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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: National Postdoctoral Fellowship (NPDF) of Science and Engineering Research Board – Extension of Fellowship due to lockdown

The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), considering the impact of COVID-19 on the planned research work of National Postdoctoral Fellows (NPDFs), has approved extension of the tenure of the Fellowship for a period up-to six months with fellowship. The extension will allow the NPDFs to complete the work as originally planned and suffered due to lockdown.

2. The extension is applicable to NPDF in all disciplines which were completed / will be completing in six months starting from 1<sup>st</sup> April and ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020. This will be a one-time measure which is not to be a precedent and no further extension beyond the six months will be considered. Fellowship at the existing rate will be given to the fellows but no additional research grant or overhead charges will be provided during the extended period.

3. The Fellows who fall in the above-mentioned category and desire to seek extension should provide the details of research work which specifically got affected due to lockdown. The extension request should be endorsed by the host institution.

4. This issues with the approval of Chairman, SERB vide e-note dated 02.07.2020.



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