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## Government of India

## Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi Dated: 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

To,

The Director, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

Subject: Diagnosis of equine diseases by non-accredited and unauthorized laboratory. reg

Sir,

It has been brought to the notice of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Government of India that Equine Biotech Pvt. Ltd, Indian Institute of Science, Entrepreneurship Centre is carrying out diagnostic tests for certain notifiable equine disease viz. Glanders, Trypanosomosis, Equine Infectious Anemia, Strangles etc. by non recommended tests.

- 2. In this context, it is to inform that National Research Centre on Equines, Hisar is the National Reference Laboratory for equine diseases. Further, this Department has also recognized other few laboratories namely Central Military Veterinary Laboratory, Meerut, Royal Western India Turf Club, Pune and the Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratories for diagnosis of specific equine diseases.
- 3. Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore has not been mandated/ recognized for diagnosis of notifiable equine diseases as stated above. The testing reports of such notifiable disease by such laboratories creates confusion in surveillance as well as disease status of the country.
- 4. You are, therefore, requested to look into the matter and instruct the concerned not to carry out such tests which have not been approved for the laboratory and provide results to stakeholders.

Yours faithfully

R.G. Bambal)

Deputy Commissioner (LH)

## Copy to:

- 1. The Director, National Research Centre on Equines, Hisar
- 2. Col. Rajan Thapar, Offg Director RVS (Tech), Quartermaster General's Branch, IHQ of MOD (Ārmy) West Block 3, RK Puram, N. Delhi 110066.