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Sub: Fastracking of approvals for COVID-19 research -reg.

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, there is an urgent need to accelerate the development of diagnostics, vaccines, novel therapeutics and re-purposing of drugs for this novel coronavirus.

In order to fastrack the process of obtaining approval for conducting research on biological resources occurring in India or knowledge associated thereto, as mandated under Section 3 of the Biological Diversity Act 2002, for the person/entity falling under Section 3(2) of the said Act it has been decided to process the applications received by NBA, complete in all respects, within 5(five) working days.

The Form-I application is to be filed through online (<http://absefiling.nic.in/NBA/login/auth>).

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