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It lists 16 committee members. Dr. R. Kasiraj, General Manager, NDDB (Retd), is Chairman, and the last seat is a representative from DAHD. The sub-committee has an animal genetics group of three and an animal health group of two, drawn from DAHD, NBAGR, NDDB and SRDDL.

The CMU is to review and revise, from time to time and after consulting experts, the minimum standards for producing quality frozen semen straws "as per the OIE guidelines and other international standard". It is to evaluate semen stations all over the country and grade them "A+", "A", "B" or "Not graded", and to submit detailed reports to the Department when the evaluation is done.

Private semen stations applying for the CMU evaluation will bear the TA/DA (travel and daily allowances) of the CMU team. Members' own organizations meet their TA/DA, and states or organizations funded by the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) meet it from the scheme. DAHD meets non-official members' expenses through CEAH-CFSP&TI, Hessarghatta. Members may travel by air. The memorandum sets no dates for the evaluation and carries no file number. The Joint Commissioner (RGM) signed it.

An earlier DAHD Office Memorandum of February 24, 2026 extended the validity of the certificates the CMU issued in the 2022-23 cycle from March 31, 2026 to December 31, 2026, citing the amendments to the Minimum Standard Protocol for semen stations notified in January 2026. It says the next cycle of evaluation and grading is to be completed within that period.

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Document	Office Memorandum, Constitution of Central Monitoring Unit (CMU) for Evaluation and Accreditation of Semen Stations (SS) in the country
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Applies to	Semen stations across India, for the semen station evaluation 2026

Chairman	Dr. R. Kasiraj, General Manager, NDDB (Retd)
Committee	16 members; sub-committee of 5 (animal genetics 3, animal health 2)
Grades	A+, A, B or Not graded
Private stations	Bear the TA/DA of the CMU team
Related	Office Memorandum of February 24, 2026: CMU semen station certificates of the 2022-23 cycle valid up to December 31, 2026

The office memorandum (PDF, 1.2 MB)

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