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**Name of nominator: Lt Gen D Raghunath PVSM, AVSM, PHS (Retd) M.D., FRCPath, FAMS**

**Designation : Retired Director-General, Armed Forces Medical Services.**

**Justification:-**

I have known Dr Bibhuti Bhushan Pal for the past 15 years. I have been following his studies on the epidemiology of Cholera in various parts of Odisha. He has been quite proactive and identified sources of the outbreaks resulting in the institution of control measures which were successful in terminating them.

He has studied the causative organisms (*Vibrio cholerae*) in depth and has been able to track the spread of the organisms in the State. He has also been able to demonstrate the genetic variation that have occurred in the pathogen over nearly two decades and has followed its evolution, often anticipating the entry of novel genotypes that could pose control problems.

I would rate him high as a field microbiologist who deserves to be honoured for his dedication to the subject.

  
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