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The department of biotechnology (DBT) and department of science and technology (DST) have drafted an open access policy. It is hosted on the respective departments' websites seeking comments and suggestions from scientific community and the public.

Once the policy is adopted, researchers will have unrestricted access to the papers arising out of publicly funded research, without having to pay for it.

As per a statement issued by the union minister of state for science and technology, Dr Jitendra Singh, "Several concerns such as payment of publication charges, copy right issues, freedom to choose a journal, quality etc. have been raised. These will be addressed while framing the Open Access Policy".