

**Proceedings of the XIX Meeting of  
National Agricultural Education Accreditation Board  
held on March 20, 2017 at Board Room, NASC Complex, New Delhi**

The XIX Meeting of the National Agricultural Education Accreditation Board was held on March 20, 2017 under the Chairmanship of Dr. T. Mahapatra, Secretary (DARE), Director General (ICAR) and Chairman of the National Agricultural Education Accreditation Board. The following members were present:

1.	Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra	Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR	Chairman
2.	Dr. N.S. Rathore	DDG (Agril. Education)	Vice-Chairman
3.	Dr. M. Premjit Singh	Vice Chancellor, CAU, Imphal	Member
4.	Dr. G.L. Keshwa	Vice Chancellor, Agriculture University, Kota	Member
5.	Dr. K. Ramasamy	Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore	Member
6.	Dr. Vijay Singh Thakur	Former Vice Chancellor & Director Extension, Dr. YSPUH&F, Solan	Member
7.	Dr. S.S. Chahal	Former VC, MPUA&T, Udaipur	Member
8.	Dr. R. K. Jain	Joint Director (Edn), IARI, New Delhi*	Member
9.	Shri Dinesh Mali	Jyoti Ba Phule Teachers Training College, Udaipur, Rajasthan	Member
10.	Shri Sagar Bapu Kopardekar	Director, Pollen Agro Minerals Dharti Krushi, Kolhapur, Maharashtra	Member
11.	Dr. G. Venkateshwarlu	ADG (EQR)	Secretary
12.	Dr. K.P. Tripathi	Principal Scientist (EQR)	Special Invitee
13.	Dr. K.L. Khurana	Principal Scientist (EQR)	Special Invitee

\* Attended the meeting in place of Dr. J. S. Sandhu, Director (I/C), IARI, New Delhi

Before initiation of the Agenda for discussion, the Director General welcomed all Members of the Board. The agenda was discussed and the following decisions were taken:

## **1. Presentation of the Action Taken Reports on the observations of the Board by the vice Chancellor/Officers of the University**

### **1.1 Banda University of Agriculture & Technology, Banda**

The University should submit report with respect to the faculty appointment, conduct of Counselling/Placement for the students through Counselling Cell in the formal mode, appointment of Director of Research, Librarian and other University Officers and development of instructional farm of the College (as observed by the Board in its XVII Meeting) to the Council for consideration of accreditation **within six months**.

### **1.2 University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad**

The University should submit report to the Council for consideration of accreditation **within three months** regarding change of nomenclature of the UG/PG Degree Programmes as per the ICAR guidelines, appointment of additional faculty towards balancing faculty profile, strengthening of Education Technology Cell and Intellectual Property Right & Commercialisation Cell, adoption of ICAR guidelines for Experiential Learning, creation of additional hostel facilities for students, development and implementation of MoU with IIFM, Bhopal and necessary coordination with Ministry of Child and Family Welfare for Home Science education (as per observation made by the Board in its XVII Meeting).

### **1.3 Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore**

The university **was approved for accreditation** along with the following colleges and their UG programmes mentioned for a period of two years i. e. 2016-17 to 2017-18.

A. Agricultural College and Research Institute, Coimbatore and its Under-graduate Programme, B.Sc (Agri).

B. Agricultural College and Research Institute, Madurai and its Under-graduate Programme, B.Sc (Agri).

C. Anbil Dharmalingam Agrl. College & Res. Institute, Tiruchirapalli and its Under-graduate Programme, B.Sc (Agri).

D. Agricultural College and Research Institute, Killikulam and its Under-graduate Programme, B.Sc (Agri).

E. Horticultural College and Research Institute, Periyakulam and its Under-graduate Programme, B. Sc. (Hort).

F. Agricultural Engineering College & Research Institute, Kumulur and its Under-graduate Programme, B.Tech. (Agrl. Engg.).

G. Forest College & Research Institute, Mettupalayam and its Under-graduate Programme, B.Sc (Forestry).

H. Horticultural College and Research Institute for women, Tiruchirapalli and its Under-graduate Programme, B.Sc (Hort.).

**Postgraduate programs of the University were not approved for accreditation for the reason that these programmes are not according to the guidelines of ICAR.**

#### **1.4 Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology & Sciences, Allahabad**

Based on the PRT Report and presentation made by the Registrar/Vice Chancellor of the University, the Board deliberated the issue in detail and decided that since majority of its Schools offering degree programmes beyond the purview and mandate of the National Agricultural Education Accreditation Board, the University as such is not eligible for accreditation by the Board.

Further, it was decided that the programmes pertaining to agriculture and allied sciences recommended by the Deans/BSMA Committees along with its Schools/Faculty should only be considered eligible for accreditation. Accordingly, the University may submit detailed report on the programmes in agriculture and allied sciences offered by different Schools of the University in respect of nomenclature of degree programmes, students' intake and faculty positions etc. **within three months for consideration of the Board.**

#### **1.5 Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, Cochin**

Based on the PRT Report and presentation made by the Nodal Officer of the University, the Board deliberated the issue in detail and decided that since majority of its Faculty offering degree programmes beyond the purview and mandate of the National Agricultural Education Accreditation Board and further the University Act does not fulfil the requirement of ICAR Model Act, the University is not eligible for accreditation by the Board.

Further, it was decided that the programmes pertaining to agriculture and allied sciences subject and recommended by the Deans/BSMA Committees along with its Schools/Faculty would only be considered eligible for accreditation. Accordingly, the University should reorient its programmes as per ICAR guidelines and also change the University Act/Statutes on the lines of ICAR Model Act and submit the detailed report to the Council **within six months.**

#### **1.6 Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana**

For accreditation of the PG programmes in the College of Fisheries and College of Dairy Science & Technology and the Ph. D. in Veterinary & AH Extension in the

College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, the University may strengthen faculty positions as per the recommendations of BSMA Committees in the colleges and submit the report to the Council **within six months**.

### **1.7 Uttar Banga Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Cooch Behar**

The accreditation of the Colleges of Horticulture and Technology **was not approved** as the requisite faculty positions in both the colleges are not adequate.

### **1.8 Anand Agricultural University, Anand**

The College of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry along with the following programmes **was approved for accreditation** with the condition that the accreditation will be co-terminus with the University accreditation.

- (i) Bachelor Degree
  - B.V.Sc. & A.H.
- (ii) Master's Degree (M.V.Sc.)
  - Veterinary Anatomy & histology
  - Veterinary Pathology
  - Veterinary Parasitology
  - Veterinary Microbiology
  - Veterinary Physiology
  - Livestock Production & Management
  - Animal Genetics and Breeding
  - Veterinary Surgery & Radiology
  - Veterinary Phar. & Toxicology
  - Animal Reproduction Gynecology & Obstetrics
  - Veterinary Clinical Medicine Ethics & Jurisprudence
  - Animal Nutrition
  - Veterinary Public Health
  - Poultry Science
  - Animal Biotechnology
  - Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Extension
  - Veterinary Epidemiology & Pre. Medicine
  - Livestock products Technology
  - Veterinary Biochemistry
- (iii) Doctorate Degree
  - Veterinary Anatomy & histology
  - Veterinary Pathology
  - Veterinary Parasitology
  - Veterinary Microbiology
  - Veterinary Physiology
  - Livestock Production & Management
  - Animal Genetics and Breeding
  - Veterinary Surgery & Radiology
  - Veterinary Phar. & Toxicology
  - Animal Reproduction Gynecology & Obstetrics

- Veterinary Clinical Medicine Ethics & Jurisprudence
- Animal Nutrition
- Veterinary Public Health
- Poultry Science
- Animal Biotechnology
- Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Extension
- Veterinary Epidemiology & Pre. Medicine
- Livestock products Technology
- Veterinary Biochemistry

**The College of Agricultural Information Technology and its Degree Programmes were not considered for accreditation.**

### **1.9 Maharashtra Animal Fisheries Sciences University, Nagpur**

The University should take appropriate action on the suggestions of the Board recommendations as communicated vide F. No. Edn.1/1/2010-EQR dated 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 and submit action taken report to the Council with respect to non-accredited Colleges **within six months**.

## **2. Consideration of reports of Peer Review Teams regarding grant of accreditation to the Agricultural University/Colleges**

### **2.1 Narendra Dev University of Agriculture & Technology, Faizabad**

**A. The NDUAT Kumarganj, Faizabad was not approved** for accreditation as none of the following colleges was found eligible as per ICAR guidelines:

- a. **The College of Agriculture, Kumarganj and its programmes were not approved** for accreditation due to inadequate student-teacher ratio in theory (180 students per class), more than 60 students in each practical classes, inadequate practical classes and laboratory facilities to conduct practical classes and high intake in PG programme.
- b. **The College of Horticulture, Kumarganj and its programmes were not approved** for accreditation due to insufficient faculty and non-teaching staff in the college, inadequate laboratory facilities and high intake in PG and Ph.D programmes.
- c. **The College of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, Kumarganj and its programmes were not approved** for accreditation due to insufficient faculty, non-teaching staff and other essential requirement as per the MSVE regulations of VCI. It was further noted that the admission for B V Sc & AH programme could not be conducted in last three years (2012-13, 2013-14 & 2016-17 out of requisite period of last five years i.e 2012-2016, which is essential requirement for accreditation from the NAEAB.
- d. **The College of Home Science, Kumarganj and its programmes were not approved** for accreditation due to insufficient faculty and non-teaching staff required to run the quality programme

- e. **The College of Fisheries, Kumarganj and its programmes were not approved** for accreditation due to insufficient faculty and non teaching staff, instructional fish ponds and equipped laboratories.
- f. **The College of Agricultural Engineering, Akbarpur and its programmes were not approved** due to insufficient faculty and non-teaching staff, inadequate instructional facilities and student amenities available with the college.

However, if the University is able to address the observations made by the PRT and communicate the satisfactory action taken to the Council within one year, the University may be reconsidered for accreditation. If the University fails to communicate satisfactory action taken to the Council within one year, a new self study report may be required from the University, if the University wishes ICAR accreditation.

## **B. Observations**

### Governance

- The University should follow ICAR Model Act for appointment of Vice-Chancellor and other University Officers.
- The Meeting of Board of faculties needs to be conducted regularly before the A.C. meeting.
- All deans in the colleges are in-charge only with additional responsibility. Even the posts of the Deans of some of the colleges have not been sanctioned by the Government.
- Most of the departments across the colleges do not have the requisite number of faculties to qualify as departments. Therefore vacant faculty positions need to be filled immediately.
- The sanctioning power of college Deans need to be increased to meet the requirement at faculty level.
- There is no post of Deans PGS, therefore PG programmes at University level are severely affected.
- Except Director of Research and Director of Extension, the other statutory officers are officiating. This is affecting the academic management of the University, especially in decision making process.
- Comptroller is the Member Secretary of Board of Management. The Registrar, being the authorized signatory, should be the Member Secretary of the Board of Management.
- The meetings of research Council, Extension Council, Library Committee and Finance Committee may be conducted regularly.
- The Women Committee, SC/ST cell and other Grievance Redressal Committee, Institutional Animal Ethics Committee, Biomedical Waste Disposal Committee need to be in place as per statutory requirement.
- There is no Career Advancement Scheme for faculty in place since 2000, in some cases since 1998. This is creating largely dissatisfaction among faculty. Even some of the senior faculty members are getting retired without having assessed for promotion for last 15 years.
- A large number of faculty positions are vacant, and in most of the colleges the present faculty strength is insufficient to meet the course curricula requirement.

- The University has increased the number of intake in UG and PG programmes without realizing the present infrastructure and faculty.
- The University published its vision 2030 document but the future plan of action, source of financial management and time line is lacking. The document needs to be revised to cater the requirement of mandate of the University.

#### Financial management

- The internal revenue generation is very low. There is hardly any contribution from research consultancies/HRD.
- The overall allocation of the annual budget is quite low and may not be sufficient to meet the different functions of the University.
- The student fee structure, by and large, is very high >42000/semester. However, the contingency for PG research and UG lab work is insufficient across the University.
- Budget allocation to individual colleges/units is not properly apportioned. There is need to increase the financial power to all officers and unit in-charge.

#### Faculty development

- Except in College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences, to some extent the number of faculty in other colleges are not sufficient to run the degree programme.
- The Human resource Development of faculty may be encouraged. The University authority should encourage faculty for attending workshops/ trainings/ seminar/ symposia/ winter school etc.

#### Student amenities

- There is urgent need to create medical facilities at the Kumarganj and Akbarpur campuses. Round the clock medical attendant and basic facilities may be created.
- Proper cleaning, electricity supply, water cooler etc. may be provided in the hostels.
- There should be a permanent physical instructor at college level. The available gamesø facilities need upgradation.
- Internet/ Wi-Fi need to be provided in campus and hostels.

#### Library

- Central library is not in good condition. There is urgent need to appoint a qualified librarian and other staff to look after the overall library management. Proper library management, book bank scheme, latest e-journals etc. need to be in place. Library closing timing should be increased beyond 5 :00 clock and holidays.
- Sufficient fund need to be allocated for the library.

#### Learning resources

- There are only four ELP module sanctioned by the ICAR. The University should submit some proposal to ICAR for funding. The viable ELP units are component of student READY programme and it must be in place and may be implemented as per guideline of the ICAR.
- RAWE programme should be six months duration, instead for 45 days as being conducted in the University.

- UG and PG labs across the University are lacking, the general, in basic equipments, laboratory staff, electricity and water supply etc.
- The University should establish NCC unit for the students.
- The fifth Dean's Committee recommendations are not yet implemented.
- It is better to get the following documents printed and distributed to be students at the time of admission to the University itself.
  - (i) Academic information and regulation
  - (ii) Course syllabus book
  - (iii) Hostel regulations

## 2.2 Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari

- A. The NAU, Navsari **was approved for accreditation** for a period of five years.
- B. ASPEE Agri-business Management Institute, Navsari and its MBA (Agri-business Management) **were approved for accreditation** for a period of five years. The programme of ICT in Agriculture **was not approved for accreditation** as it does not follow the ICAR guidelines.
- C. N M College of Agriculture, Navsari and **its following degree programmes were approved for accreditation** for a period of five years
- a) Bachelor's program  
B.Sc (Hons.) Agriculture
  - b) Master's Programs  
M. Sc. (Agri.) degree in the disciplines of Agronomy, Soil Sciences & Agricultural Chemistry, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Genetics and Plant Breeding, Plant Physiology, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Extension, Agricultural Statistics, Agricultural Meteorology, Agricultural Microbiology, Biochemistry, Plant Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
  - c) Doctoral Programs  
Ph.D in the disciplines of Agronomy, Soil Sciences & Agricultural Chemistry & Soil Sciences, Agricultural Entomology, Plant Pathology, Genetics and Plant Breeding, Plant Physiology, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Extension, Agricultural Statistics, Plant Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
- D. ASPEE College of Horticulture, Navsari **and its following degree programmes were approved for accreditation** for a period of five years
- a) Bachelor's program  
B.Sc (Hons) Horticulture
  - b) Master's Programs  
M.Sc (Hort.) in the disciplines of Fruit Science, Floriculture & Landscape Architecture, Vegetable Science, Post Harvest Technology, Plantation Crops, Spices, Medicinal Plants & Aromatic Plants, Entomology and Pathology



- c) Doctoral Programs  
Ph.D in the disciplines of Fruit Science, Floriculture & Landscape Architecture, Vegetable Science, Post Harvest Technology, Horticultural Entomology and Plant Pathology
- E. College of Forestry, Navsari and **its following degree programmes were approved for accreditation** for a period of five years
- a) Bachelor's program  
B.Sc (Hons) Forestry
- b) Master's and Doctoral Programs Programs in Forestry **were not approved for accreditation** as their nomenclature is not as per ICAR recommendations
- F. College of Agriculture, Bharuch and **its Bachelor degree programmes were approved for accreditation** for a period of five years
- G. College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Navsari and **its following degree programmes were approved for accreditation** for a period of five years
- a) Bachelor's program  
B.V.Sc & AH
- b) Master's Programs  
M.V.Sc. in Veterinary Surgery & Radiology, Veterinary Physiology, Veterinary Biochemistry, Animal Biotechnology, Animal Reproduction, Gynaecology & Obstetrics, Animal Nutrition, Veterinary Pharmacology & Toxicology, Veterinary Microbiology, Livestock Production Management, Animal Genetics & Breeding, Veterinary Public Health, Veterinary Parasitology, Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Extension, Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Pathology, and Livestock Products Technology
- c) Doctoral Programs  
Ph.D. in Veterinary Surgery & Radiology, Veterinary Physiology, Veterinary Biochemistry, Animal Biotechnology, Animal Reproduction, Gynaecology & Obstetrics, Animal Nutrition, Veterinary Pharmacology & Toxicology, Veterinary Microbiology, Animal Genetics & Breeding, Veterinary Public Health, and Veterinary Medicine
- H. College of Agriculture, Waghai **was not approved for accreditation** due to college building, boys' hostel and Experiential Learning Units are yet to be made functional.
- I. ASPEE Shakilam Agri Biotechnology Institute, Surat and its degree programmes **were not approved for accreditation** as the degree nomenclature, course curriculum, names of the departments, and subject faculty are not in agreement to the recommendations of Fifth Deans' Committee of ICAR.
- J. College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, Dediapada **was not approved for accreditation** because its first batch is yet to pass out.

### **2.3. Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture & Technology, Jammu**

A. SKUAST, Jammu **was approved for accreditation** for a period of five years

B. Faculty of Agriculture, SKUAST, Jammu along with the following programmes **was approved for a period of five years:**

- a) Bachelor's program  
**B.Sc (Hons.) Agriculture**
- b) Master's Programs

**M. Sc. (Agri.) degree in the following disciplines:**

- Agronomy
- Agroforestry
- Agricultural Economics
- Agricultural Extension
- Agricultural Engineering
- Entomology
- Floriculture and Landscape Architecture
- Fruit Sciences
- Food Science and Technology
- Genetics and Plant Breeding
- Plant Pathology
- Sericulture
- Soil Sciences & Agricultural Chemistry
- Vegetable Sciences

- ii) MBA degree in the discipline of:  
Agri-Business Management

c) Doctoral Programs

**Ph. D in the following disciplines:**

- Agronomy
- Agroforestry
- Agricultural Economics
- Agricultural Extension
- Biotechnology
- Entomology
- Fruit Sciences
- Food Science and Technology
- Genetics and Plant Breeding
- Plant Pathology
- Sericulture
- Soil Sciences & Agricultural Chemistry
- Vegetable Sciences

C. There is sufficient faculty and infrastructure to run the ongoing degree programs but the nomenclature of the programs as B. Sc. (Hons.) Biotechnology and M.Sc. Biotechnology is not as per the recommendations of Fifth DeansøCommittee of ICAR. Therefore, **the accreditation of the B. Sc. (Hons) Biotechnology and M.Sc. Biotechnology programs will be put on hold** till the nomenclature of these programs is changed as per the recommendations of Fifth DeansøCommittee.

D. Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, R S Pura along with the following programmes **was approved for a period of five years**

a) Bachelorø program - **B.V. Sc& AH**

b) Masterø Programs

**M.V. Sc in following disciplines**

Veterinary Public Health & Epidemiology

Veterinary Pathology

Veterinary Parasitology

Veterinary Pharmacology & Toxicology

Veterinary Physiology

Veterinary Biochemistry

Veterinary Anatomy

Livestock Products Technology

Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Extension Education

Livestock Production & Management

Veterinary Gynaecology & Obstetrics

Veterinary Surgery & Radiology

Veterinary Medicine

Animal Genetics & Breeding

Veterinary Microbiology

Animal Nutrition

b) Doctoral Programs

**Ph. D in following disciplines**

Veterinary Public Health

Veterinary Pathology

Veterinary Parasitology

Veterinary Pharmacology & Toxicology

Veterinary Physiology

Veterinary Biochemistry

Veterinary Anatomy

Livestock Products Technology

Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Extension Education

Livestock Production & Management

Veterinary Gynaecology & Obstetrics

Veterinary Surgery & Radiology

Veterinary Medicine

Animal Genetics & Breeding

Veterinary Microbiology

Animal Nutrition

**E. Faculty of Basic Sciences along with the following programmes was approved for a period of Five Years**

a) Masters programs

**M. Sc in the following four disciplines**

Biochemistry

Statistics

Microbiology

Plant Physiology

b) Doctoral programs

**Ph. D in following two disciplines**

Biochemistry

Statistics

**2.4 College of Agricultural Engineering, Kandi, Sangareddy**

College of Agricultural Engineering, Kandi, Sangareddy along with its B. Tech. (Agrl Engineering) **was approved for accreditation** for the period up to 27 March, 2021 to be co-terminus with the accreditation period of the Prof Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University.

**2.5 Bhola Paswan Shastri Agricultural College, Purnea and Veer Kunwar Singh College of Agriculture, Dumraon, Buxar**

(i) Bhola Paswan Shastri Agricultural College, Purnea and (ii) Veer Kunwar Singh College of Agriculture, Dumraon, Buxar of Bihar of Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour along with their degree programmes **were approved for accreditation** for a period up to 15 March, 2020 to co-terminus with the accreditation period of the Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour.

**3.0 Consideration of accreditation based on the Action Taken Reports submitted by Agricultural Universities for its colleges/programmes**

- 3.1 PG programmes in Agricultural Chemicals and Soil & Water Conservation in BCKV, Mohanpur **were approved for accreditation** with the condition that it will be co-terminus with the University accreditation. PG programme in Animal Science was not approved for accreditation
- 3.2 College of Home Science in CSKHPKV, Palampur: The necessary decision may be taken after receiving clarification from the University.
- 3.3. College of Dairy Sciences and Technology and its B. Tech (Dairy Technology) of KVASU, Wayanad **were approved for accreditation** with the condition that the period of accreditation will be co-terminus with the university accreditation.
- 3.4. Degree programmes in College of Agricultural Engineering Madkasira, College of Food Science and Technology, Pulivendula, College of Food Science and Technology, Bapatla, Agriculture College, Rajmundry and PG Programmes in Agriculture Colleges in Naira and Mahanandi **were not accredited as the prerequisites of the accreditation are yet to be fulfilled.**

- 3.5. College of Fisheries, Rangailunda, Berhampur and its degree programmes in B. F. Sc. and M. F. Sc. in Aquaculture and Ph. D in Aquaculture of OUAT, Bhubaneswar **were approved for accreditation**. Other colleges were not approved for accreditation as the prerequisites of the accreditation are yet to be fulfilled.
- 3.6 M.V.Sc and Ph.D in Wildlife Health and Management Nanaji Deshmukh Veterinary Science University, Jabalpur **were not approved for accreditation** as these programmes are not recommended by the BSMA Committee of ICAR. Since the information on infrastructure and building in the report of the college of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, Rewa was not clear, the college was not approved for accreditation.
- 3.7. P.V. Narsimha Rao Telangana Veterinary University, Hyderabad **was not approved for accreditation** as the University is still to fulfill the accreditation criteria.
- 3.8. NDRI, Karnal along with its programmes **was approved for further accreditation up to 31 March, 2021**.
- 3.9. T.C.A. Dholi, Muzaffarpur Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa (Samastipur) **was approved for accreditation** up to the accreditation period of the University.

#### **4.0 Submission of the Action Taken Report by the Agricultural Universities**

The Board was critical that the most of the accredited universities are not responding to the suggestions of the Board made while granting accreditation. The Education Division should take this agenda at the appropriate level for discussion with the Vice Chancellors of the Universities. Compliance on this part should also be considered in the next accreditation/reaccreditation of the Universities.

#### **5.0 Other Agenda items**

##### **5.1 Clarification from Centurion University of Technology and Management, Bhubaneswar regarding essential requirement of ICAR accreditation for taking admission in masters programmes in Agricultural Universities.**

The Board deliberated the issue in the line with the observations and representations made by Students and institutions and decided to issue a clarification to appropriate authorities containing the following subject:

*Since the accreditation from ICAR is not mandatory, rather voluntary, for the agricultural colleges/programmes and universities, the students from non-accredited programmes/colleges/universities may not be denied for higher studies and employment. However, for quality assurance, all state universities and private universities offering courses in agricultural science should initiate process of accreditation with the Council.*

## **5.2 Consideration of Admission to non-accredited programmes running at Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa (Samastipur)**

The Board discussed this issue and considering the request for 100% admission to all the colleges/programmes through AIEEA by the Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa (Samastipur), which is a Central Agricultural University, the Board decided to allot the students for 100% seats in all the colleges / programmes through AIEEA for the academic year 2017-18. Further, the University may be directed to take necessary steps to fulfill the criteria and obtain the accreditation for the remaining non-accredited colleges/programmes.

## **5.3 Accreditation of agriculture faculty in four Central Universities**

As per the earlier Board decision, the ICAR accreditation is essential for the Colleges under Central Universities namely BHU, AMU, NU and Vishwa Bharati having agriculture faculty with the new guidelines for accreditation. Since, the committee constituted for developing new guidelines for accreditation is in the process of finalizing the document, the accreditation of these colleges under CUs may be allowed with the existing guidelines and Universities may be asked to submit SSRs for accreditation with the existing proforma. As soon as new guidelines come into place, the process of accreditation with the existing guidelines may be replaced.

## **5.4 Accreditation of State Universities having agriculture faculty and State private Universities**

The Board has decided to allow the State Universities having agriculture faculty and State private universities offering courses in agricultural science to submit Self Study Report in the prescribed proforma to the Council for consideration of accreditation.

The Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.