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ગુજરાત સરકાર

કૃષિ,સહકાર અને ખેડૂત કલ્યાણ વિભાગ
સચિવાલય, ગાંધીનગર.

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વિષય:-Declaration of UG courses in agriculture and allied subjects as
professional degree courses

ઉપર્યુક્ત વિષય પરત્વે પરનો ભારત સરકારના કૃષિ અને ખેડૂત કલ્યાણ વિભાગ હેઠળના
ડાયરેક્ટર (એક્સટેન્શન મેનેજમેન્ટ)નો તા. ૬.૧૧.૨૦૧૭ નો પત્ર તેના બિડાણ સહ નકલ પત્ર સાથે
મોકલી આપેલ છે. ઉક્ત પત્ર અન્વયે આઈસીએઆર દ્વારા બધા જ કૃષિ અને તેના સંલગ્ન અભ્યાસક્રમ
ને પ્રોફેશનલ જાહેર કરેલ છે. આ બાબત અન્વયે નિયમાનુસારની કાર્યવાહી કરવા વિનંતી છે



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Government of India

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
Extension Division (Directorate of Extension)

Room No.18, Krishi Bhawan
New Delhi - 110001
Dated, the November 06, 2017

Subject: Declaration of UG Courses in Agriculture and Allied subjects as Professional Degree Courses - Reg.

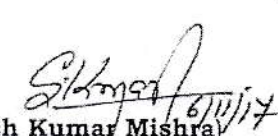
Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) has declared all UG Courses in Agriculture and Allied Subject Courses which include Agriculture, Horticulture, Agricultural Engineering, Dairy Technology, Forestry, Veterinary & Animal Science, Food Technology, Biotechnology, Fisheries, Sericulture, Home Science, Community Science and Food Nutrition & Dietetics as Professional Degree Courses. A copy of the Order is attached. This will bring a paradigm shift in the status of Agricultural Graduates working in the State/ UT Agriculture/ Horticulture Departments in various capacities and their nomenclatures. Instantly, the declaration has impact in the wake of action being taken throughout the country for doubling the income of farmers by 2022 in which quality extension services through technically qualified Extension Workers can contribute much.

As such all the States/UTs/ Commissions and other related institutions are requested to make note of the order issued by ICAR and take necessary steps to amend the required documents accordingly.

It is also mentioned referring to a letter with D.O.No.5-41/85-T&V dated 29.1.1986 issued by the then Secretary (A&C), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, quoting the recommendations of National Commission of Agriculture for parity of B.Sc.(Agri.) with Degrees of Medical, Engineering and Veterinary Disciplines, that, for Agricultural Extension Services, candidates with professional degree qualifications in Agriculture and Allied Subjects are to be recruited to ensure quality extension services to the farmers simultaneously keeping them on par with other Professional / Technical Cadres.

This issues with the approval of Joint Secretary (Extension)

Encl: As above


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To

1. The Principal Secretaries (Agri.)/Agril. Production Commissioners of All States/ UTs
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3. The Chairman, UPSC/ SSC, Govt. of India
3. Directors of all Directorates under MOA&FW, Govt. of India
4. Directors (Agri.)/ Directors (Hort.)/Director (SAMETIs) of All States/UTs

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Dt. 06th October, 2016

To,

All Vice - Chancellors of Agricultural Universities under ICAR-AU System.

Subject: Declaration of UG degrees in Agriculture and Allied subjects as Professional Degree.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to inform that the Governing Body of ICAR Society in its 237th Meeting held on 29th June, 2016 has approved UG degrees in Agriculture and Allied subjects (Agriculture, Horticulture, Agricultural Engineering, Dairy Technology, Forestry, Veterinary & Animal Science, Food Technology, Biotechnology, Fisheries, Sericulture, Home/Community Science, and Food Nutrition & Dietetics) as Professional Degree Courses. This is for your kind information and necessary action as deemed fit.

Yours faithfully,

(Rojs Sethumadhavan)

Deputy Secretary (Agri. Edn.)

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SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Department of Agriculture & Cooperation
Ministry of Agriculture
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi - 110 001

January, 29, 1986.

D.O. 5-41/85-T&V

Dear,

Please refer to my D.O. letter of even number dated 28.10.1985 forwarding to you a report on Extension Cadre Management prepared by Shri. Suresh Kumar, Ex-Director of Agriculture, Maharashtra and you have had the report examined with a view to implementing the recommendations in the context of your state administration.

2. We also took the opportunity of discussing this report in detail with the representatives of a few State Governments in a meeting held in New Delhi on 23.12.1985 and I enclose a copy of the minutes of that meeting which list the recommendations on which there was a complete consensus among the delegates. As the staff of the Agriculture Department have, for long, been somewhat at a disadvantage in service matters as compared to other departments. I would request you to kindly move the State Government to implement these recommendations.

3. I may mention here that the following recommendations seem to be most crucial;

- (i) There is an acute stagnation among the extension staff, which, at some levels, is as much as 20 to 25 years, immediate steps are needed for removing the stagnation particularly in the cadre of village extension workers, Selection grade needs to be provided for those who cannot get promotion for 10 years.
- (ii) To build and maintain the morale of extension staff and encourage them to perform better, adequate incentives need to be given to outstanding workers. This could be achieved through giving merit promotions, advance increments and other methods of recognition.
- (iii) For effective performance of field duties, extension staff needs to be made fully mobile. It is essential, therefore, to provide mopeds to the VEWs and motor-cycles to ADOs.
- (iv) Effectiveness of extension depends upon technical competence of the VEWs. It is necessary that the minimum qualification to be possessed by the candidates for recruitments as VEWs should be a diploma in Agriculture after SSC/SSLC.
- (v) There are a large number of non-graduates in the extension cadre. It is necessary to provide, promotional avenues to them without diluting technical competence. Urgent and effective steps are, therefore, required to be taken for enabling non-graduates to acquire qualifications equivalent to B.Sc. (Agriculture).

- (vi) National Commission on Agriculture has recommended the B.Sc. (Agriculture) degree should be recognized on a par with those of medical, engineering and veterinary disciplines. Now that most of the States have switched over from a 3 to 4 year B.Sc. (Agriculture) degree course, it should be possible to make out a strong case for parity of agricultural staff with other technical cadres.
- (vii) Even where functional separation at state level becomes necessary and separate Departments/Directorates of Horticulture, Social Forestry, Soil Conservation, etc. are setup, field level extension system for the farmers should be through a single line extension system only. It would be prohibitively expensive for parallel lines of extension to be established by each of these Departments.
- (viii) There is need for direct recruitment a class II and Class I level which should be through competitive examination.
- (ix) There is need for a more decentralized system of writing annual assessment reports, constitution of departmental promotion committees, the powers to make appointments and transfers and other staff matters.
- (x) To ensure a fair system of recruitment for non-gazetted staff, the recruitment should be on the basis of marks in the written qualifying examination rather than interviews alone.

4. It will be seen that several of these recommendations for improving the cadre management of extension staff do not have any financial implications but would greatly improve the efficiency of the staff as well as lessen the concentration of Administrative responsibilities at the State Headquarters. Since the development of Agriculture depends crucially on the morale and enthusiasm of the extension machinery, it is necessary for us to undertake an indepth review of their service conditions. I would be grateful if you could have these recommendations considered in your state and let us know the action proposed to be taken to implement them.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(M. SUBRAMANIAN)

Note

For the sake of legibility, the true copy of the D.O. letter bearing No. 5-41/85-T&V dated 29th January 1986, of the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture & Cooperation, New Delhi has been attached herewith. However, a copy of the original Letter is also annexed for reference.

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- (v) There are a large number of non-graduates in the extension cadre. It is necessary to provide appropriate training for them without diluting technical standards. Further, the effective steps are, therefore, to be taken for enabling non-graduates to acquire the educational equivalent to the minimum level.

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