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To

The Directors/Project Directors/Zonal Coordinators of ICAR Research Institutes/Project Directorates/National Research Centres/Bureaux/Zonal Coordinating Units

**Subject: Decision of the Governing Body of the ICAR Society taken in its 244<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding Centralized Examination for recruitment of Sr. Technical Officers (T-6)/Subject Matter Specialists (SMSs) under the Technical Services of the Council.**

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation of the Council's letter of even number dated 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, wherein, the approval of the Governing Body, ICAR was conveyed on the constitution of two distinct PAN-ICAR cadres, for Senior Technical Officers (T-6) and Subject Matter Specialists (SMSs) respectively. In accordance with the approval of the Governing Body of the Council in its 244<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 27.06.2018, the recruitment process for filling-up of STO(T-6) at ICAR Headquarters/Institutes and Subject Matter Specialists (SMSs) at Krishi Vigyan Kendras will be as follows:

1. The STOs (T-6) and the SMSs, now being two distinct PAN-ICAR cadres, the post of STO will not be filled up by a SMS and Vice-versa. This includes filling up of the said post, by direct recruitment and transfer.
2. The direct recruitment vacancies of STOs and SMSs will be filled through the ARS Examination conducted by ASRB. The candidate appearing for the ARS Examination will have an option of choosing services as per merit and preferences, i.e., the candidate while appearing for the ARS Examination can specify whether he/she would like to be considered for ARS services or STO or SMS in order of preferences. The candidates who join as STO or SMS through this unified examination shall be liable for posting anywhere under ICAR against sanctioned post/vacancy in the respective cadre. It is clarified that STO and SMS are two separate cadres and candidate choosing one cadre cannot be posted against the post/vacancy of the other cadre.
3. Since the existing STOs and SMSs (whether directly recruited or promoted) are also a part of the respective PAN-ICAR cadre, they will all be governed by the same set of Rules as framed for these cadres. Therefore, the meetings of the Assessment Committees held w.e.f. the date of issue of this letter, for the merit promotion of Technical Officers (T-5) to the grade of STO (T-6) shall automatically be governed by these set of new Rules, i.e., the recommendations/proceedings of such meetings are to be sent to the Council for the approval of the Secretary, ICAR (including the cases of ICAR's five National Institutes, four of which have deemed-to-be-university status). Even if the meetings of the Assessment Committees have been held before the date of issue of these instructions, but the final approval has not been given by the Director of the respective institute, the proceedings of such meetings are also to be sent to the Council.

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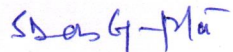
4. It is re-iterated that the powers delegated to the Directors of the five institutes (IARI, IVRI, NDRI, CIFE and NAARM) vide Council's Office Order No. 6-1/2004-Cdn.(A&A) dated 09.03.2004 at point no. 3 & 4 stands withdrawn. Therefore, these institutes will also send the proceedings of the Assessment Committees for promotion to the grades of the STOs, ACTOs, CTOs and for grant of one advance increment to CTO, also to the Council.
5. The documents and all activities related to the number of posts, functional groups, reservation rosters, constitution of the Assessment Committees, convening of the meetings and APARs in respect of STOs and SMSs (and above levels) will continue to be a responsibility of the respective institute.

These instructions are issued in supersession of all earlier orders of the Council in this regard, in so far as Technical Services of the Council are concerned.

These instructions shall be effective from 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Suparna Dasgupta)  
Under Secretary(TS)

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