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Office Memorandum

During the virtual interactive session held on 08.12.2021, the young scientists of ICAR requested for a provision of separate fund so that the research work is not hampered in the institutes for want of operational funds.

2.   The matter has been examined/considered in consultation with the Internal Finance Division of the Council and it has been decided that research grant to the tune of rupees one lakh per year per Young Scientist of ICAR system may be allocated at the Institute-level while strictly adhering to the following guidelines:

i.   Research Grant of Rupees one lakh per annum is to be allocated to each "Young Scientist" (Scientist in Pay Level 10) for a period of 05 years (to be reckoned from the date of joining institute after initial FOCARS training at NAARM) or till he/she gets promoted to Pay Level 11, whichever is earlier.

ii.   The research grant is to be allocated to the Young Scientist at the start of each financial year. However, if a scientist joins the institute (after initial NAARM training) after the first quarter of the financial year (i.e., after June) then the research grant for that financial year is to be reduced proportionately.

iii.   The incumbent Young Scientist who has not completed 05 years of service from the date of his/her joining at the ICAR institute (after initial FOCARS training at NAARM) would also be eligible for the research grant of rupees one lakh per year for the remaining period of 05 years or till he/she gets promoted to Pay Level 11, whichever is earlier.

iv.   No separate funds shall be allocated/given to the Institutes for this purpose and the Institutes need to allocate research grant of (Rupees One Lakh per annum per young scientist) from their own allocated research grant (scheme budget). In other words, the Institutes shall provide research grant/fund of Rupees one lakh per annum per 'Young Scientist' from within their allocated scheme budget. In exceptional cases (meritorious cases) and in the interest of research work, the Institutes can provide funds more than the prescribed limit of Rupees one lakh per annum per young scientist.

v.   The research grant earmarked for the Young Scientist shall be used for research purposes only. The Young Scientists shall be provided research related materials/equipment etc. from the earmarked/dedicated research grant fund by the Institute, based on the requisitions made by the young scientists

in this regard. Further, the purchase of the research related materials/equipment from the earmarked funds shall be made strictly as per the provisions of the General Financial Rules (GFR).

vi. The Young Scientist shall give the Utilization Certificate for the research items issued to him/her. Further, all necessary details, like year-wise allocation of funds to the young scientists and total amount spent/incurred for this purpose shall be maintained at the Institute-level.

vii. The research grant shall not, in any case, be given in the form of cash, cheque etc. directly to the Young Scientist.

viii. In case of transfer of scientist to another Institute anytime during the initial years, the remaining amount of research grant/fund (which has not been allocated/utilized by the scientist for that year in the previous institute) shall be allocated to that scientist by the institute where he/she has joined after transfer.

3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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