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To

The Vice Chancellors  
of All SAUs, CAU, DUs and  
the Central Universities with Agricultural Faculty

**Sub.: NET Essentiality for Recruitment to the Post of Assistant Professor and equivalent – regarding.**

The UGC Regulations on Minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers and other academic staff in universities and colleges and measures for the maintenance of standard in higher education, 2010, circulated through UGC letter No. F.3-1/2009 dated 30.06.2009, provide, vide item No. 1.1.1. that for teachers in the Faculties of Agriculture and Veterinary Science, the norms/regulations of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, shall apply. The DARE vide letter No. 1(01)/2009-Per.IV dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2010 has endorsed these aforesaid UGC regulations to the State Government to consider their adopting and implementing in respect of State Agricultural Universities.

With regard to essentiality of NET for the recruitment to the post of Assistant Professor and equivalent in the agricultural universities, based on the discussions held in the Special Meeting of Vice Chancellors of all Agricultural Universities held on September 26-27, 2011; recommendations of the Committee appointed by ICAR for the purpose, and approval of the ICAR Accreditation Board and subsequently, of the Competent Authority in ICAR, I am directed to state that –

*“ For the candidates having Master's degree, NET shall remain compulsory along with one publication in NAAS (National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi) rated refereed journal for recruitment to the post of Assistant Professor and equivalent in the disciplines in which NET is conducted. Essentiality of NET can be waved off for the candidates holding Ph.D degree provided it has been done with course work as prescribed by the UGC Regulations 2009, and the candidate has atleast two full length publications having a NAAS rating not less than 4, on the last date of submission of application. Those candidates with Ph.D. degree without course work will not qualify for NET exemption. Further, this will be implemented with perspective date i.e. January 01, 2012. It is also decided that those universities which fail to implement NET essentiality as per above provision, will not get development grants from ICAR.”*

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