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Dated the <sup>13<sup>th</sup></sup> Feb, 2017**OFFICE ORDER**

In terms of Clause (V) of Rule 208 of GFR, which provides for a system of external or peer review of autonomous organizations every 3 or 5 years, depending on the size and nature of activity of the organization, Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is pleased to constitute an expert Committee of the following composition for the peer review of ICAR:

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| i)    | Dr. T. Ramasami,<br>Former Secretary,<br>Department of Science & Technology     | : | Chairman         |
| ii)   | Shri P.K. Basu,<br>Former Secretary, Department of Agriculture<br>& Cooperation | : | Member           |
| iii)  | Shri S.K. Singh<br>AS & FA, DARE/ICAR   | : | Member           |
| iv)   | Shri Chhabilendra Roul<br>Secretary, ICAR                                       | : | Member           |
| v)    | Dr. Mruthyunjaya,<br>Eminent Agricultural Economist                             | : | Member           |
| vi)   | Dr. B.S. Dhillon,<br>Vice-Chancellor,<br>Punjab Agricultural University         | : | Member           |
| vii)  | Dr. Shivaji Pandey<br>Former ADG, FAO   | : | Member           |
| viii) | Prof. M.C. Varshneya,<br>Vice-Chancellor, Kamdhenu University                   | : | Member           |
| ix)   | Dr. Suresh Pal,<br>Director, NIAP   | : | Member-Secretary |

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2. The Committee should review on the following objectives:

- (a) the objective for which the autonomous organization was set up and whether these objectives have been or are being achieved;
- (b) Whether the activities should be continued at all, either because they are no longer relevant or have been completed or if there has been a substantial failure in achievement of objectives. A zero based budget approach should be followed in making this assessment.
- (c) Whether the nature of the activities is such that these need to be performed only by an autonomous organization.
- (d) Whether similar functions are also being undertaken by other organizations, be it in the central government or state governments or the private sector, and if so, whether there is scope for merging or winding up the organizations under review.
- (e) whether the total staff complement, particularly at the support level, is kept at a minimum, whether the enormous strides in information technology and communication facilities as also facilities for outsourcing of work on a contract basis, have been taken into account in determining staff strength; and whether scientific or technical personnel are being deployed on functions which could well be carried out by non scientific or non technical personnel etc.
- (f) Whether user charges, wherever the output or services are utilized by others, are levied at appropriate rates;
- (g) The scope for maximizing internal resources generation in the organization so that the dependence upon government budgetary support is minimized.
- (h) Any other issue which Committee may feel relevant.
- (i) Committee is required to give report at the earliest.
- (j) For expenditure of the meeting separate order will be issued

*Devendra Kumar*  
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Director (Fin.)

**Distribution:**

1. All Members of Committee
2. Sr. PPS to Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR/PPS to Additional Secretary, DARE and Secretary, ICAR/ PPS to AS & FA, DARE/ICAR
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