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Subject: Testing of seeds/germplasm by ICAR facilities

Detailed instructions on how the ICAR establishments are to go about accepting and carrying out trials for private seed companies, were issued vide circular No.32(1)/2011-Cdn.(Tech.), dated the 5th January, 2011. Directors of all ICAR institutions, all the DDGS and ADGs are once again requested to go through these guidelines carefully and ensure their compliance. Further, it may be noted that seed/germplasm trials may require approvals of other Departments/ State Governments, statutory or otherwise, such as RCGM and GEAC, in the case of GM crops. There would also be laws that govern such testing of seeds/germplasm, which need to be complied with strictly. Therefore, the Directors are required to:

- (i) Ensure, that where permissions/approvals are required, such permission exists.
- (ii) To read and understand all the conditions of the permission, with a view to ensuring their compliance.
- (iii) Where conditions have been imposed on the party whose seed/germplasm is being tested, the Directors and the Station In-charges are also necessarily required to ensure that the third party has complied with its obligations. For example, if one of the obligations of the third party is to inform the local government within the stipulated time, then it is for the Directors and the Station In-charges to check whether the party has complied with these obligations, and if it has not, then the Directors and the Station In-charges cannot, should not, and will not proceed with laying out the trials.
- (iv) Compliance of all laws of the land, by all parties concerned, including by the party whose seed/germplasm is being tested, is to be ensured by the Director and/or Station In-charge.

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2. The above instructions are issued with the approval of Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, and need to be complied with strictly both in letter and spirit. In case of any doubt or clarification at any stage, the Director/Station In-charge may seek clarification from the concerned SMD, and in case the SMD has a doubt, they may please seek clarification/clearance From Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR directly or through Secretary, ICAR.



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