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To,

The Directors/Project Directors of ICAR Research Institutes/project Directorates/NRCs/Bureaux

Subject: Guidelines for conducting tests by ICAR Institutes or in the AICRPS, on behalf of private entities.

It is now well recognised that along with the ICAR, the private sector too has a role in improving productivity in the agriculture sector, including in livestock and fisheries. In the ICAR, there has been no prohibition or ban on conduct of tests for, say, hybrids or agro-chemical molecules or vaccines, etc. produced by the private sector, as any improvement in any of the inputs or technologies would ultimately benefit the Indian farmer. Beside, testing by ICAR Institutions also strengthens the overall regulatory regime in the country. In the Crop Sciences Division, a testing fee has been prescribed vide their Office Order No. 4(15)/03-CCI, dated the 13th September, 2004.

2. The issue of standardization of guidelines and the testing fee regime across the SMDs, in handling of such tests in the ICAR, is the subject-matter of this circular. In this regard, the following general guidelines are issued:

- i. Testing on behalf of private entities cannot and should not be at the expense of the research programmes, and their timelines, being conducted by the ICAR. Therefore, prior permission of the concerned DDG is essential before such a trial or testing can be undertaken by any Institute of the ICAR. In seeking prior approval of the DDG, the Director of the Institute would have to give a certificate that the work of testing, etc. being undertaken by him is not going to

interfere with the Institute's regular research programmes and targets. In other words, conducting any testing on behalf of any non-government entity, without the prior permission of the concerned DDG would be irregular.

- ii. In respect of AICRPs, undertaking such testing on behalf of non-government entities would require discussion in and approval of the annual workshop for AICRPs, which are chaired by the DDG concerned. No testing may be undertaken without discussion and approval in the annual workshop, in the presence of the concerned DDG.
- iii. Any particular testing that any Institute or project of the ICAR may take up would need to strictly comply with the national laws, specially those concerning bio-safety.
- iv. ICAR Institutes/Projects undertaking testing on behalf of private sector undertakings will charge a minimum fee, as follows:
 - (a) For evaluation of transgenic crops in the All Indian Coordinated System, a testing fee of Rs.75,000 (Rupees seventy-five thousand only) per entry per location per year will be charged from private organisation(s) desirous of such testing.
 - (b) For evaluation of hybrids in the All India Coordinated System, a testing fee of Rs.60,000 (Rupees sixty thousand only) per entry per year will be charged to the sponsor of the entries from private organisation(s).
 - (c) For testing of molecules and agro-input products, a testing fee of Rs.20,000/- per molecule/location/ season will be charged from the company/ organisation desirous of testing their molecules/ products in the All India Coordinated Project System.
 - (d) The money will be received in the office of the concerned Director/Project Director/Project Coordinator. Out of the amount received under item (i) to (iii), Rs.10,000/- per entry/location/ year under item (i), Rs.10,000/- per entry/year under item (ii) and Rs.4,000/- per molecule/location/season under item (iii) will be retained in the office of Director/Project

Director/Project Coordinator to meet the expenses, and the balance money will be sent to centres of the Coordinated Project, where testing will be undertaken. The amount remaining with the Project Coordinators/Directors/Project Directors etc. will be considered as revenue generation and will be governed as per the existing guidelines of the Council.

- (e) The entry fee will be collected in 2 instalments: 60% before testing is undertaken, and 40% at the time of releasing the results.
- (f) The results of the entries will be withheld if the testing fee is not paid by the sponsor.

It is clarified that the above is the minimum fee to be charged, and the Institute may charge higher fee in consultation with DDG concerned, in case it feels that the work/service involved is more than the fee would cover.

The above instructions should be complied with strictly by all Institutes/Projects of ICAR, including deemed universities.

This issues with the approval of Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR.

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