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Sub: Instructions regarding meeting/ talking to the Press. i.e. all forms of media.

ICAR's Manual of Administrative Instructions already has detailed instructions regarding the above subject in paras 4.2-4.4 of Chapter 31.

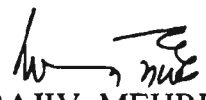
2. It has been observed some officers have been, in the recent past, speaking to the press unauthorisedly. In the matters of conduct, ICAR officers are also governed by the Conduct Rules that cover government officials.

3. Attention of all ICAR personnel is invited to Rule-11 of the CCS(Conduct) Rules, 1964, particularly, Sub-Rule-4, which, interalia, states which officers of the government may meet or talk to the Press. While requesting ICAR personnel to closely read this rule, the more important aspects of this rule are summarized as follows:

- I. *Only Ministers, Secretaries and other officers authorized by the Minister are permitted to meet representatives of the Press and give information.*
- II. *That violation of the provisions of this Conduct Rule amounts to a serious misconduct, and the concerned cadre controlling authorities are advised to take such misconduct seriously.*

It is pointed out that ICAR would need to abide by this part of the rule unflinching; any violation is obviously a violation of Conduct Rules.

The above instructions, therefore, need to be complied with strictly, and may be circulated to all concerned by the DDGs/ Directors. They are issued with the approval of Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR.


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