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Sub: Updation of List of Backward or Comparatively Less Developed Areas of country under ARS Rules, 1975 for the ARS Scientist of ICAR – reg.

Attention is invited towards existing provisions of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Rules, 1975, which mandate notification of backward and comparatively less developed areas of the country for different service purposes for ARS Scientists of ICAR.

In this regard, the ICAR is in the process of reviewing the existing list of remote / tough / backward / comparatively less developed areas owing to significant changes in demographic patterns, infrastructural developments, accessibility and overall living conditions in various areas / regions of our nation. This exercise is very important in order to ensure that assessment benefits under CAS, selections to senior scientific positions under direct recruitment and postings / transfers, etc. remain equitable, objective and relevant to prevalent ground realities.

In view of the above, Scientific personnel of ICAR may furnish their inputs / recommendations regarding locations that presently qualify as "backward" and/or "remote" based on prevailing situation mainly with regard to following aspects: (i) Communication facilities (ii) Living conditions [accommodation, nearness to market place, electricity, water and sanitation] (iii) Education facilities (iv) Medical facilities (v) Working conditions, or any other parameter (needs to be clearly specified).

The inputs may be submitted on or before 16th February' 2026 through the respective Directors of ICAR Institutes / Bureaus / PDs / NRCs for further consideration and different SMDs may also provide their inputs, if any through their respective DDGs.


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