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**Subject: Implementation of ICAR Model Act provisions in Agricultural Universities.**

**Dear Chief Secretary,**

Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) under the aegis of Department of Agriculture Research and Education, Government of India has been working as per assigned mandate to plan, undertake, coordinate and promote research and technology development for sustainable agriculture in the country.

Considering the fact that Agriculture Universities have specific requirement for effective functioning, the ICAR developed a Model Act for agricultural Universities in 1996, with a primary objective to provide to a guiding document for creating a legal base for implementation of various provisions across the country which the States should adopt. ICAR revised the Model Act in 1984, 1994, 2009 and recently in the year 2023.

Model ACT (2023) was circulated to all state vide D.O. No. 23/2/2012-EQR(pt-1)/234 Dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2023 for its adoption and implementation in the State Agricultural Universities.

However, ICAR has been receiving various representations from various Stakeholders across the agricultural education and research system for non-adoption and non-implementation of following key provision of Model Act in the agricultural universities - For instance:

- Representative of ICAR in the Board of Management.(Clause 3.2(2)(x))
- Constitution of Research Council and Extension Council as separate authorities (Clause 3.6 and 3.7)
- Inviting Director General, ICAR as part of selection committee of the Vice Chancellor (Clause 4.3 (1)(i))
- Interpretation of teaching, research and extension (clause 5.4).
- Constitution of State Coordination Committee (Clause 8.8).
- To ensure minimum requirements for establishing the agricultural colleges (Chapter 9).

Additionally, regular appointment of Universities Officers and staff, appropriate Teacher:Student Ratio and efforts to internationalization of agricultural education and provisions of the NEP-2020 as being notified by UGC may also please be ensured.

In the condition of non-implementation or partial implementation of the above mentioned clauses, the University may not be able to address its mandate and, thus, affecting the growth and development in agricultural education, research and extension sector of the State. Therefore, it is requested to take necessary steps for implementation of various provisions as contained in the Model Act 2023 in the respective agriculture universities in your State.

**With regards**

**Yours sincerely,**

**(Himanshu Pathak)**

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