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Subject: Establish of New Agricultural University-regarding.

Dear Chief Secretary,

Greetings of the day!

We are aware that National Agricultural Research and Education System (NARS) comprising Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) played a major role in making India a food surplus nation and in improving the quality of agricultural higher education in the country. No doubt, the SAUs have contributed significantly in the journey of unparalleled growth that India has achieved in agricultural sector. However, recently it has been noticed that performance of SAUs is affected by the proliferation of Universities and establishing new Universities mainly due to carving out from the existing Universities without adequate planning, infrastructure, teachers and meagre allocation of resources. Further, opening of single faculty university and bi-tri function of existing multi-faculty university into single faculty universities defies the well-established principle of integrated agricultural education.

It is worth mentioning here that ICAR is the apex body for quality control and setting standards of the agricultural universities. Moreover, as per UGC Rules 1975 (Fitness of Agricultural Universities for Grant: para VI & VII), the agricultural universities to follow the recommendations of ICAR for minimum staff required for undergraduate, post-graduate education, research and extension education, and for provision of adequate basic facilities.

In view of above, it would be desirable if States consult and obtain consent of ICAR before opening a new Agricultural University and Private/Public Agricultural Colleges to ensure the ICAR Model Act(2023) and proper infrastructure, manpower and quality education in place. You are therefore, requested to kindly take appropriate action in this regard.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Himanshu Pathak)

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