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To

The Directors of all the ICAR Institutes/Directorates/ NRCs/ Project Directors/ Bureaux/ ATARIs

Subject: Amendment in ARS Study Leave Regulations- Reg.

Sir,

On the lines of UGC Regulations, the ARS Study Leave Regulations, 1991 were notified vide Council's letter No. 3-21/81-Per-IV dated 17.02.1992. Now on the recommendations of Committee on ARS amendment in ARS Study Leave Regulations, to incorporate relevant changes with respect to duration of study leave in UGC Regulations, has been considered and approved by the Governing Body in its 239th meeting. Accordingly, after approval of the proceedings of the GB meeting by the President, ICAR and Minister of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare clause 4(1), 4(2) and 4(4) of ARS Study Leave Regulations, 1991 have been amended as indicated below:

Amended Clause

4(1) Study leave shall be granted by the competent authority on receiving the full plan of work, for a duration as may be considered necessary. The period of study leave shall be three years for PhD purposes. However study leave sanctioned for purpose of pursuing course other than Ph.D. shall not exceed 2 years.

Provided that Study Leave shall not be granted for more than three years in one spell, save in very exceptional cases, in which DG,ICAR is satisfied that such extension is unavoidable on the academic grounds and necessary in the interest of the Institution.

4(2) Study Leave may be granted more than once provide that no less than five years have elapsed after the scientist returned to duty on completion of earlier spell of Study Leave. For subsequent spell of study leave, the scientist shall indicate the work done during the period of earlier leave, as also give details of work to be done during the proposed spell of study leave.

Provided that Study Leave may not be granted not more than twice during one's career. However, under no circumstances shall the maximum period of study leave admissible during the entire service exceed five years.

4(4) Subject to the maximum period of absence from duty on leave not exceeding three years, study leave may be combined with earned leave, half pay leave, extra ordinary leave provided that the earned leave at the credit of the scientist shall be availed of at the discretion of the Scientist.

A Scientist, who is placed in higher scale during study leave shall be placed in that higher scale and shall get the higher scale only after joining back.

The cases under clause 4(1) above referred by the Institutes shall be submitted by the concerned SMD to Director General, ICAR with comments of the concerned Institutes and SMDs for consideration.

The ARS Study Leave Rules are amended to the above extent with effect from 01.04.2017.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours' faithfully,

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