INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
KRISHI BHAVAN: NEW DELHI

F.No 1(11)/2018-Per IV   Dated 24th June, 2022

To,

The Directors of all ICAR Institutes

Subject: **Extension of financial Benefits to all the Similarly situated Scientific personnel of the Council in the form of advance increments for possessing PhD degree as accrued to Dr B SasiKumar & others in accordance with Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 23.8.2017.**

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to ICAR's letter of even number dated 28.9.2020 on the above mentioned subject, in which it was clarified that if in the case of pensioners, extension of financial benefits in the form of advance increments for possessing Ph.D. degree leads to revision of pension, a proposal indicating liabilities towards arrears of pension, if any, may be sent to the Council for financial Concurrence of IFD.

2.   After issuance of the said instructions, references/letters seeking clarifications in this regard have been received from the Institutes. The matter has, therefore, been reviewed, and it has been decided that all those proposals involving revision in pension on account of grant of advance increments to the scientists for possessing Ph.D. degree may now be submitted by the Institutes to their respective Pension Authorizing Units (PAUs) for revision of PPO. The PAUs shall authorize the same as per extent Council's instructions, issued vide letters dated 28.9.2020, 23.3.2021 & 24.3.2022.

3.   Accordingly, Institutes need not send any such proposal to the Council for financial Concurrence of IFD. However, the Institute may seek approval for additional funds, if required, from the Finance Division, ICAR Hqrs. Further, Institutes are required to furnish a report of all such cases, which involve revision of pay/ pension of the scientists, to the concerned SMDs on quarterly basis, for information and further needful in this regard.

4.   This issue with the approval/concurrence of Financial Advisor, ICAR.

Yours faithfully,

(Naresh Kr. Sharma)
Deputy Secretary (Pers.)