

Chapter 14

International Cooperation

Indian Council of Agricultural Research is an Apex Body in the field of research in agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries and allied subjects including agricultural education. The scientists of the ICAR are required to proceed on foreign deputation, participate in international congress/conferences, workshop, seminars etc. In addition, consultancy/ assignments, study tours, seminars/workshops abroad in respect of the scientists are also required to be processed by the Department of Agricultural Research and Education. The DARE has developed detailed guidelines to deal with cases of foreign deputation of scientists and international cooperation. These guidelines are at **Appendix-XIX**.

Guidelines/procedure for consideration of applications/proposals for foreign assignment made in response to open advertisement/vacancy announcement by International Organizations/ Foreign Governments/Agencies including FAO.

The following procedure is to be followed:

The Government employees may apply in response to the open or public advertisement of vacancies by the International Organizations and Foreign Govts. with the prior permission of the cadre controlling authority concerned. In rare cases, when the time available for submitting the application is short, an officer may send his application to the concerned agency in advance with a copy to his cadre controlling authority and this may be confirmed or withdrawn subsequently depending on the decision of the authority. The cadre controlling authorities would consider each case only from the point of view of whether the officer could be spared or not ; no other general considerations should be applied in taking a decision in the case. An Officer may be permitted to apply in response to a public advertisement even if he has completed the permitted number of years he can spend in international assignment in his career. However, in such a case, he would have to resign or take retirement from Government service on selection. A Government employee applying for an international assignment in response to public advertisement will not be given the status of “official nominee” for the assignment. Correspondence relating to the grant or denial of permission will be between the officer concerned and the cadre controlling authority/Government and later will not correspond with the international organization on the subject.

It is requested that these guidelines be brought to the notice of all concerned for information, guidance and strict compliance in future. It may be noted that this department will consider such requests for grant of permission to the applicant for applying direct for the position applied for and not forward his/her application to the concerned organizations, under the aforesaid instructions of DOP&T/Govt. of India.



Eligibility Criteria/conditions:

1. The officers must have completed five years service and not had been on foreign assignment for the duration of more than six months during the last two years.
2. The officer must not be under bond obligation.
3. Officer should be free from vigilance/disciplinary angle.

The requests of prospective candidates seeking permission/cadre clearance from this Department should be complete in all respect, examined in the light of facts/observations made out above and accompanied with the check list relating to foreign deputation duly countersigned by the Director/Registrar/DDG, as the case be, alongwith an application/bio-data of the official and other usual documents/certificates required in such cases.

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Check list for relating to foreign collaborative projects, foreign travel and consultancy projects with private partners.

In order to process the cases relating to foreign collaborative projects, foreign travel and consultancy projects with private partners, the following information have to be provided to the ICAR:

1. Foreign- Collaborative Projects

- i) Recommendation of the SMD from Technical and Essentiality angle
- ii) Clearance of ADG (IP TM) from IPR angle
- iii) Political clearance if travel of foreigners involved in the project
- iv) Total Project Cost
 - a) Cost to be borne by ICAR Institute
 - b) Cost to be borne by partner
 - c) Out of the total cost to be borne by ICAR Institute
 - a) In-cash contribution
 - b) In-kind contribution
- v) Details of in-cash contribution
- vii)
 - (a) Details of in-kind contribution viz. Item, Quantity (in Rupees terms).
 - (b) Certification that costing of in-kind contribution has been done as per Circular issued vide F.No.22(34)/2009-Cdn (A&A) dated 15th April, 2010.
- viii) Certification that the costing (both in-cash & in-kind) is “correct & appropriate”
- ix) Source/Head of Budget and availability of funds to meet the liability
- x) If the Project Cost is less than Rs. 50 lakh, justification for taking up the project from the point of view of strategic alliance



- xi) Provision/Component of Foreign travel by ICAR employees in the project with details
- xii) Details of the other Project handled by the Scientist/s
- xiii) If the laboratory facilities are proposed to be used, detail of for how many, other projects the same facility is being used.

2. Foreign Travel

(i). On long term training/Scholarship

- (a) Approval of the Competent Authority
- (b) Financial Implication on the part of ICAR/DARE/Institute
- (c) Details of budget head and availability of funds therein to meet the expenditure
- (d) Whether invitation received in individual capacity of through proper channel
- (e) Number of foreign trainings/visits already undertaken during last one year

(ii). On short term training/conferences/seminar/paper reading etc.

- (a) Approval of the Competent Authority
- (b) Financial implication on the part of ICAR/DARE/Institute
- (c) 25% of the estimated visit cost or Rs. 40000/- whichever is less
- (d) Whether ICAR/Institute funding is less than/equal to © above
- (e) Details of budget head and availability of funds therein to meet the expenditure
- (f) FCRA clearance, if expenses are met by foreign parties

(iii) On foreign visit under a particular project

- (a) Approval of the Competent Authority
- (b) Financial implication on the part of ICAR/DARE/Institute
- (c) Whether provision of the foreign visit is there in the approved project
- (d) Whether funds are available under the project to meet the visit cost

Checklist for the projects to be taken up by ICAR units in collaboration with Private Sector:

- (a) Approval of the Competent Authority for taking up the project by ICAR unit
- (b) Financial implication on the part of ICAR/DARE/Institute
- (c) Whether ICAR unit's total cost to be incurred in the consultancy project on manpower, infrastructure etc is funded by the Private partner or not-
- (d) How the Consultancy project is beneficial/useful to ICAR/Institute-
- (e) Clearance of ADG (IP&TM) for IPR issues

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Treatment of period of deputation of ICAR Personnel while availing different associateship trainings/fellowship/scholarships etc. abroad.

The following instructions are to be observed :

- I. Fellowship/Scholarship/Trainings/Associateships offered through nodal Ministries of Government of India and other Prestigious Fellowship

The following Fellowship/Scholarship/Associateships/long and short terms trainings offered through Government of India Departments/Government of India funded agencies and prestigious Fellowships through open advertisement and offered after due global selection process by National/International agencies shall be treated as On duty with full salary and allowances upto one year and the remaining period, if any, may be adjusted by granting leave of the kind due and admissible, subject to II.

Sl.No	Name of the Training/Fellowship/Scholarship/Associateship
1.	BOYSCAST Fellowships
2.	DBT Associateships **
3.	Netherland Fellowship Programme
4.	JICA Fellowship in Japan
5.	INSA Fellowship under Bilateral exchange programme
6.	Indo US visiting fellowships
7.	Fulbright Nehru Fellowships
8.	ICAR International Fellowship
9.	EICA Fellowships
10.	DAAD Fellowships
11.	Erasmus Mundus Scholarships
12.	Endeavour Research Fellowships
13.	SIDA Training Programme
14.	Alexander Von Humboldt (ABH) Fellowships
15.	Rothamsted International Fellowships

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- II Where the Nodal Ministries/Department of Government of India have specifically prescribed about the treatment of period of foreign visits in their terms and conditions, the same shall prevail.
- III Fellowships/Scholarships/Trainings which do not fall under category (I) & (II) above. Trainings/fellowships/Associateships/Scholarships directly secured or offered by the sponsors, which donot fall under Category (i) & (II) above even though applied for through proper channel shall be considered on “ Leave due and admissible”. The period of leave in such cases will ordinarily not exceed one year.



- 2 The visits abroad of ICAR Personnel shall be governed by the instructions contained in the revised guidelines vide DARE's OM No.4(1)/2004-IC-I dated 17.11.2004 and other instructions issued in this regard from time to time by this Deptt./Ministry of Finance/Ministry of Home Affairs etc.

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