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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Zonal coordination framework for strengthening Institutional convergence and coordinated action across ICAR establishments – reg.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research encompasses an extensive network of Research Institutes, National Research Centres, Bureaux, Directorates, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), Regional Stations and other establishments across the country. While these institutions function under distinct mandates and disciplines, a need has been felt for greater convergence and coordinated actions to effectively address regional agricultural priorities and leverage the collective strengths of the ICAR system.

2. With a view of strengthening institutional integration and improving coordination, the Competent Authority has kindly decided to assign Zonal Coordination responsibilities to all the Deputy Directors General (DDGs) of ICAR. For this purpose, the country has been grouped into eight (VIII) geographical zones comprising specified States and Union Territories as detailed in Annexure-A.

3. The designated DDGs shall function as the Zonal Coordinators for the assigned zone(s) and serve as the Nodal Authority for fostering coordination among all ICAR Institutes, KVKs, Regional Stations and other ICAR establishments located within the concerned States and Union Territories, irrespective of their disciplinary domain or reporting division.

4. The designated DDG / Zonal Coordinator shall undertake the following responsibilities:

- Review the progress of internal revenue generation by the ICAR instrumentality falling within the jurisdiction and suggest measures for increasing internal revenue generation through removal of difficulties at various levels.
- Facilitate regular interaction among ICAR Institutes, KVKs, Regional Stations and State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) within the assigned zone.
- Facilitate and forge multidisciplinary planning and implementation of programmes addressing regional agricultural priorities with defined deliverables and time line.
- Promote convergence of research, extension, technology assessment, demonstration and capacity development activities.

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- e. Maintain close liaison with State Governments and other relevant stakeholders to align ICAR initiatives with regional needs and national priorities.
- f. Monitor the progress of collaborative initiatives and facilitate the resolution of coordination issues requiring inter-divisional support.
- g. Identify opportunities for optimal utilization of infrastructure, human resources and technical expertise across institutions.
- h. Encourage the exchange of knowledge, innovations and best practices for improving the effectiveness of ICAR interventions.
- i. Regular monitoring of Institutes, Regional Stations and KVKs on scientific, technical and administrative matters within their respective zones / areas of jurisdiction.
- j. Submit quarterly reports and recommendations to the Director General, ICAR on major achievements, issues requiring policy intervention and opportunities for further strengthening institutional collaboration.
- k. Any other task that may be assigned from time to time.

5. This coordination framework is intended to transcend disciplinary boundaries and promote a unified institutional approach. This arrangement aims to optimize the utilization of ICAR resources, improve responsiveness to regional priorities and reinforce ICAR's role as an integrated national system, without altering the existing functional mandates or administrative control of the respective ICAR establishments.

6. This issues with the approval of the Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR.


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Encl: Annexure – A

Copy for kind information and / or further needful to:

1. All the DDGs of ICAR Hqrs, New Delhi.
2. All the Directors of ICAR Institutes / Project Directorates / NRCs / Bureaux / NRCs.
3. PPS to the Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
4. PPS to the Additional Secretary, DARE & Secretary, ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. PPS to the Addl. Secretary & Financial Advisor, DARE/ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. The Joint Secretary (Pers.) / JS (Finance), ICAR Hqrs. New Delhi.
7. The Director (GAC) / Director (Admn.) / Legar Advisor / Director (OL), ICAR Hqrs.
8. The US (Pers. – I / II) / US (Pers. III/IV) / US (AU / CR Cell)
9. E-office Notice board.
10. Info. System Officer, DKMA, KAB-I, Pusa, New Delhi for uploading on ICAR website.
11. Guard File.

Mapping of Zones and Nodal Authorities / Zonal Coordinators

S. No.	Zones with Area covered	Nodal Authority / Zonal Coordinator
1	Rajasthan, Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	DDG (Animal Science)
2	Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh & Goa	DDG (Agricultural Engineering)
3	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Puducherry & Lakshadweep	DDG (Fisheries)
4	Assam, Sikkim, Mizoram, Tripura, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh	DDG (Natural Resource Management)
5	Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand and Ladakh	DDG (Horticulture Science)
6	West Bengal, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Andaman & Nicobar Islands	DDG (Crop Science)
7	Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh	DDG (Agricultural Extension)
8	Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi	DDG (Agricultural Education)


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