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Subject: **Memorandum to Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and other dignitaries for consideration of bringing Agriculture Education from State List to Concurrent List and formation of Agriculture Council of India (ACI) for accreditation of Agriculture Education for quality education - regarding.**

Hon'ble Sir,

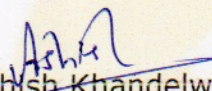
Very warm Greetings from All India Agricultural Students Association (AIASA)! The Cabinet of AIASA expresses its thanks and gratitude to Shri Radha Mohan Singh Ji, Former Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare for granting professional status to Agriculture and allied degrees. The Association brings to the kind notice of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India that Agriculture Education has been kept in the State list of Constitution at serial number 14



shifted from State List to Concurrent list and the Agriculture Council of India (ACI) may be formed for accreditation of agricultural education on the pattern of Medical Council of India (MCI), Bar Council of India (BCI) and other councils. It is to mention here that Technical Education has been kept in Concurrence list at serial number 25 and Agriculture Education has not been considered as Technical Education. However, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (F.No Edu./13/1/2016-HRD dated 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2016) and University Grant Commitssion [Clause (p) of sub regulation (2) of part - I of UGC (ODL) reglation , 2017; F.No.1-28/2018(DEB-I) dated 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2019] has already considered agriculture education as a professional status but it will not get it's complete parity with others education system unless it will be appear in concurrent list and ACI will not be established. Therefore, I on the behalf of AIASA request your honour to consider the proposal for bringing Agriculture Education from State List to Concurrent List (Annexure I) and also to initiate the process of formation of ACI for accreditation of Education in Agriculture Sciences (Annexure II) for regulatory framework so that quality education can be insured in the relevant institutions including private institutions

Thanking you

Your Sincerely,

  
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Encl:

1. Endoresed from state representatives
2. Annexure I
3. Annexure II
4. F.No Edu./13/1/2016-HRD dated 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2016
5. F.No.1-28/2018(DEB-I) dated 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

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## Annexure I

### 1. **Bringing Agriculture Education from State List to Concurrent List:**

At present the Education is kept under the Concurrence list of Constitution at serial number 25, which stipulates;

"Education, including technical education, medical education and universities, subject to the provisions of entries 63, 64, 65 and 66 of List I; vocational and technical training of labour".

The entries at 63, 64, 65 and 66 are enumerated below;

63. The institutions known at the commencement of this Constitution as the Benares Hindu University, the Aligarh Muslim University and the Delhi University, the University established in pursuance of Article 371- E; any other institution declared by Parliament by law to be an institution of national importance.
64. Institutions for scientific or technical education financed by the Government of India wholly or in part and declared by Parliament by law to be an institution of national importance.
65. Union agencies and institutions for-
  - a. Professional, vocational or technical training, including the training of police officers; or
  - b. The promotion of special studies or research; or
  - c. Scientific or technical assistance in the investigation or detection of crime.
66. Co-ordination and determination of standards in institutions for higher education or research and scientific and technical institutions.

Whereas, Agriculture Education has been kept in the State list of Constitution at serial number 14, which stipulates;

"Agriculture, including agriculture education and research, protection against pests and prevention of plant diseases".

On perusal of above provisions of the constitution, it appears that either no serious thought is given while making relevant provisions relating to Agriculture Education or Agriculture Education has been kept in State list deliberately with vested intentions and interests.



It looks ridiculous that at one end Technical Education has been kept in Concurrence list at serial number 25 and Agriculture Education has not been considered as Technical Education. At the other end, Agriculture Education has been kept in State list along with Agriculture research, protection against pests and prevention of plant diseases

This has resulted in Central government not taking initiatives for the reforms of Agriculture Education as agriculture is in the state list and most of the States do not give priority to Agriculture Education. Due to this, the Agriculture Education is completely neglected and no emphasis is given on the infrastructure development in the relevant field.

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India is kindly requested to initiate the process for bringing Agriculture Education from State List to Concurrent List along with other different kinds of Education and the same status may kindly be accorded to Agriculture Education at par with other professional courses.





## Annexure II

### 1. **Formation of Agriculture Council of India (ACI) for Agricultural Professionals:**

The degree of Graduate in Agriculture has been recognised and declared as Professional Degree by the Governing Body of ICAR vide their Notification No F.No Edu./13/1/2016-HRD dated 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

The professionals of other streams like Medical, Engineering, Law etc. have been provided by regulatory framework by forming a Regulatory Body like Medical Council of India (MCI), AICTE and Bar Council of India (BCI).

Therefore, to provide regulatory framework for granting professional status to Agriculture and allied degrees, recognition of Agriculture Education, laying down standards of professional conduct, etiquette and code of ethics to be observed by Agriculture practitioners and registration and granting license to agricultural graduates, it is essential that Agriculture Council of India (ACI) may be established at par with MCI, VCI and BCI.

The Association suggests that the broad objectives under Agriculture Council of India (ACI) may be as follows:

- To advise the Central and State Governments on all regulatory matters concerning Agriculture practice and education.
- To recommend recognition or withdrawal of recognition of Agricultural qualifications granted to Agricultural institutions in India including private Colleges/Universities.
- To prepare and maintain the Indian Agriculture Practitioners' Register containing the names of all persons who possess the recognized Agricultural qualifications and who are for the time being enrolled in the Central Register and on a State Agriculture Register of the State to which Agriculture Council of India Act extends.
- To lay down minimum standards of Agriculture education required for granting recognized Agricultural qualifications by Agricultural institutions.
- To lay down the standards of professional conduct, etiquette and code of ethics to be observed by Agriculture practitioners.
- To implement the provisions of the Act, and Rules and Regulations framed there under.
- Issue license to Agricultural professionals
- Any other objective





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F. No. Edn./13/1/2016-HRD

Dt. 06<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

To,

All Vice – Chancellors of Agricultural Universities under ICAR-AU System.

**Subject: Declaration of UG degrees in Agriculture and Allied subjects as Professional Degree.**

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to inform that the Governing Body of ICAR Society in its 237<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 has approved UG degrees in Agriculture and Allied subjects (Agriculture, Horticulture, Agricultural Engineering, Dairy Technology, Forestry, Veterinary & Animal Science, Food Technology, Biotechnology, Fisheries, Sericulture, Home/Community Science, and Food Nutrition & Dietetics) as Professional Degree Courses. This is for your kind information and necessary action as deemed fit.

Yours faithfully,

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5. PPS to Addl. Secretary (DARE) and Secretary ICAR
6. OSD (NAEP Unit)
7. All ADGs, ICAR: Director (P), Director (F), ICAR
8. Sr. F&AO (Agril. Edn.), ICAR
9. All Officers/Sections of ICAR, Krishi Bhawan/KAB-I&II/ASRB/NAEP
10. M&I Unit, KB & ISO, DKMA for uploading the same on the ICAR website.





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**University Grants Commission**  
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(Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India)  
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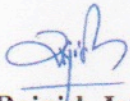
15<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Programmes prohibited in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) mode**

1. The UGC had notified UGC (Open and Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017 in the Gazette on 23.06.2017. Subsequently 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment was notified on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, Second Amendment was notified on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 and Third Amendment was notified on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.
2. Provisions defined in clause (p) of Sub Regulation (2) of Part-I of UGC (ODL) Regulations, 2017 regarding professional programmes:  

*“Professional programmes” means a programme other than programmes in engineering, medicine, dental, pharmacy, nursing, architecture, physiotherapy and programmes not permitted to be offered in distance mode by any Statutory Councils or Regulatory Authorities to be conducted by the Higher Educational Institutions under Open and Distance Learning mode or Distance Education mode for the purpose of these regulations, if any, should be considered only if the same are approved by the respective Statutory Councils or Regulatory Authorities.*
3. It is for information that as per communication received from Secretary & Director General, Department of Agricultural Research & Education and Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, and as decided by the Commission in its 538<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, Agriculture degree programmes are prohibited in ODL mode from the Academic Session 2019-20 beginning July, 2019.
4. All the stakeholders are requested to take note of the same.

  
(Rajnish Jain)  
Secretary