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Subject: Memorandum for establishment of State Council for Agriculture Education and accreditation of Agriculture Education for quality education in the State of Himachal Pradesh -regarding

Honourable sir,

Greetings from All India Agricultural Students Association (AIASA). The Association brings to the kind information of His Excellency The Governor of Himachal Pradesh that Agriculture Education has been kept in the State list of Constitution at serial number 14 which enables to State(s) to regulates the agricultural education in the State. The State List of Constitution at serial number 14 stipulates as under:

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

As per constitutional provision, the State government needs to regulate agricultural education by enacting State Council for Agriculture Education Act. The State Government of Punjab has already enacted Act entitled "Punjab State Council for Agricultural Education Act 2017(Copy enclosed).

It is submitted that the degree of Graduate in Agriculture has been recognised and declared as Professional Degree by the Governing Body of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) vide their Notification Number F.No Edu./13/1/2016-HRD dated 6th October, 2016 and Government of India vide communication dated 6th November, 2017. The professionals of other streams like Medical, Engineering, Architecture, Law etc. have been provided regulatory framework by forming a Regulatory Body like Medical Council of India (MCI), AICTE and Bar Council of India (BCI).

Since agriculture is the state subject, therefore, State Government needs to make enactment for regulation of Agriculture education in the State. State Government needs to initiate process for establishment of State Council for Agriculture Education with the objectives 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.

The Association submits that the broad objectives under State Agriculture Education Council (SAEC) may be as follows:

- To advise the State Government on all regulatory matters concerning Agriculture practice and education.
- To recommend recognition or withdrawal of recognition of Agricultural qualifications granted to Agricultural institutions in the State including private colleges.
- To prepare and maintain the Agriculture Practitioners' Register containing the names of all persons who possess the recognized Agricultural qualifications and who are for the time being enrolled in a State Agriculture Register of the State to which State Agriculture Council 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.
- To provide "Green Plus" symbol and Prefixing Dr. With the name of Agriculture professionals.
- Any other objectives

I on the behalf of All India Agricultural Students Association (AIASA) request your honour to kindly give direction to State government for enacting the law for establishment of State Council of Agricultural Education on the line of Punjab State Council of Agricultural Education in the interest of agriculture youth of the State and for the quality agriculture education.

Yours faithfully

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