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Subject: **Proposal submitted to Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and other dignitaries for creation of Central Agriculture Service on the pattern of Agriculture Services under USDA -regarding.**

Hon'ble Sir,

Greeting from All India Agricultural Students Association. The Association expresses its gratitude and thanks to Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for enhancing minimum support prices of agricultural commodities as a part of initiatives for doubling of farmers income. As your honour is well aware that about 60% of Indian population depends on agriculture and its allied activities. In spite of being best delivery from research side from National Agricultural Research System (NARS), shortcomings surface on the behalf of the development and extension. Revisiting the Indian agriculture policy in the context of the contemporary first, second

and third world countries reveal that our policies are greatly confined within mere transient loan waivers and ephemeral subsidies which may serve the cause for the time being but dearth of long term sustaining policies looms large. Long term projects carried over under National Agriculture Research System (NARS) including ICAR & SAUs/CAUs will be of no use if all those results were not able to perform in a effective way.

Agriculture sector is largely victim of negligence and triviality in approach concerned to the human resource development and utilization as well. The Central government cannot leave agriculture as mainly the domain of states. Many of its decisions and policies are not carried out by many states due to poor linkages of centre and State departments/organizations. To implement the good initiatives and policies of central government uniformly in the country there is an urgent need for creating an organized independent professional cadre service in agriculture in the form of "**Central Agriculture Service**" at the initial stage and thereafter an All India Cadre Service of Indian Agriculture Service for effective institutional linkages and service delivery to farming communities at subsequent stage. We have already a large human resource churned out of the Agriculture Universities and National Agricultural Research System. **An organized independent professional cadre system in agriculture in the form of Indian Agricultural Services comprising all the component services is the need of the hour.** The best talents among the huge mass of human resource churned out of the NARS should be used to serve the agriculture communities. The agriculture sector is facing huge brain and talent drain to the other service sectors and we should restore our valuable human resources to serve the stream ensuring "right person at the right place". So along with the existing ARS (Agricultural Research Service), which is a society service (under ICAR; a registered society under Societies Registration Act, 1860) there is a fervent need for creation of other services like Agricultural Development Services (ADS), Agricultural Inspection Services (AIS), Agricultural Education Services (AES), Agricultural Marketing Services (AMS), Agricultural Foreign Services (AFS) and Services related to Veterinary and Fisheries Sciences in pattern of USDA, DAFF (Australia), European Union, Embrapa (Brazil), China etc. All the above cadres must be central cadres under the banner of Indian Agriculture Service to bridge the gap between the Central Ministry, ICAR, KVKs, State Depts of Agriculture. ADS will ensure implementation of the centrally formulated policies at the state level and linkages with state development schemes. AIS will secure the food safety, quarantine system and plant and animal health. AES will bring all the Central and Deemed Agricultural Universities (CAUs and DUs) under a common roof and regularly recruit the best talents as teaching personnel maintaining the total transparency. At present majority of the CAUs/DUs are facing dearth of funds and running with a weak infrastructure. Major concern is there is severe lack of teaching personnel in all CAUs/DUs and whose recruitment is in deep waters. AMS will be vigilant regarding the marketing chain of agricultural produce and their strategic marketing in domestic and international markets, avoiding the

erratic price hike thereby. AFS will improve foreign market access for Indian products and IPR related issues to prevent bio piracy of Indian germplasms. All the above mentioned services should comprise of respective Veterinary and Fisheries personnel as well so that the total range of agricultural commodities can be taken care of.

**The various government appointed committees and commissions such as Nalagarh Committee (1958), National Commissions on Agriculture (1976), Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State Relations (1988), Central fifth and sixth pay commission and Rajya Sabha passed resolutions twice (1965 and 1971) have all recommended for creation of Indian Agricultural Service.**

About the creations of Central/Indian Agriculture Service, AIASA discussed in length and breadth in the National Youth Convention jointly organized by ICAR & AIASA at NASC Complex New Delhi on 27th January 2016 and discussion reached at a unanimous conclusion that creation of IAS (Indian Agriculture Service) is must for the all round development of this country. Just by creating this All India service, every parent & youth of this Nation will attract towards Agriculture which will lead to the boost of secondary (industries) and tertiary sector (service). Today agriculture is kept in general Central Services and recruitment for the technical posts in Agriculture Ministry and its development directorates/boards are made - 25% by promotion from the feeder post and 75% personnel are recruited on deputation basis from other cadre services such as Railway, postal, Economic, Information Services etc. About 75% of the policy level posts at the level of directors and above are occupied by non-agriculturists coming from other streams. For an integrated development of agriculture and its allied activities, for guidance and welfare of farmers and development of villages and to effectively carry out the policies of centre in states it has become a necessity to seriously consider and decide for creation of a Central Agriculture Service at the initial stage and all India service in the name Indian Agriculture Service at subsequent stage.

Hon'ble Prime Minister is requested to kindly consider our proposal for constitution of Central Agriculture Service in the interest of agricultural communities.

Yours faithfully

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