

DECLARATION OF AGRI- ALLIED UG COURSE AS PROFESSIONAL COURSE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMER WELFARE, GOVT. OF INDIA

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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
Directorate of Extension

Krish Vistar Bhawan
Pusa, New Delhi - 110012
Dated, the 26th October, 2017

To
The Commissioner/ Director of Agriculture/ Horticulture
All States/ UTs

Subject: Declaration of UG Courses in Agriculture and Allied subjects as Professional
Degree Courses - Reg.

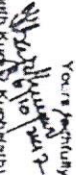
Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has declared all UG Courses in Agriculture and Allied Subject Courses which include Agriculture, Horticulture and Agriculture Engineering etc. as Professional Degree Courses. A copy of the order is attached. This will bring a paradigm shift in the status of Agricultural Graduates working in the State/ UT Agriculture/Horticulture Departments in various capacities and their nomenclatures. Instantly, the declaration has impact in the wake of action being taken throughout the country for doubling the income of farmers by 2022 in which quality extension services through technically qualified Extension Workers can contribute much.

As such all the States/UTs are requested to make note of the order issued by ICAR and take necessary steps to amend the required documents accordingly.

It is also mentioned referring to a letter with D.O No.5-4/185-T&V dated 29.1.1986 issued by the then Secretary (A&C) quoting the recommendations of National Commission on Agriculture for parity of B.Sc.(Agn.) with Degrees of Medical, Engineering and Veterinary Disciplines, that, for Agricultural Extension Services, candidates with professional degree qualifications in Agriculture and Allied Subjects are to be recruited to ensure quality extension services to the farmers simultaneously keeping them on par with other technical cadres.

This is issued as per the draft approved by the Joint Secretary (Extension)

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully

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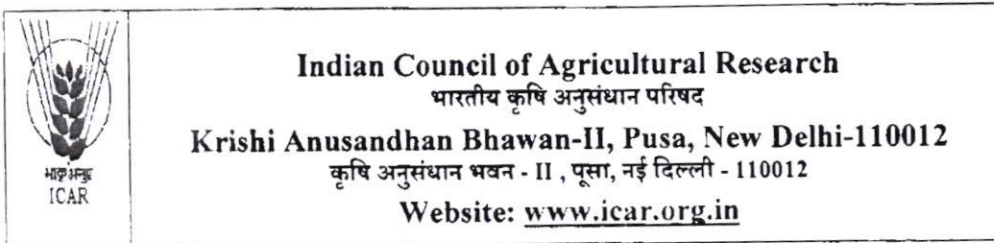
Kindly refer to the letter with even number dated 06.11.2017 of this Directorate (copy enclosed), whereby it was requested to all the States/UTs / Commissions and other related institutions to make note of the order issued by ICAR declaring all UG Courses in Agriculture and Allied Subject Courses which include Agriculture, Horticulture and Agricultural Engineering, Dairy Technology, Forestry, Veterinary & Animal Science, Food Technology, Biotechnology, Fisheries, Sericulture, Home/Community Science, and Food Nutrition & Dietetics, as Professional Degree Courses and a D.O No.5-4/185-T&V dated 29.1.1986 issued by the then Secretary (A&C) quoting the recommendations of National Commission of Agriculture for parity of B.Sc.(Agn.) with Degrees of Medical, Engineering and Veterinary Disciplines, to take necessary steps to amend the required documents viz recruitment rules etc., and for recruiting candidates with professional degree qualifications in Agriculture and Allied Subjects for Agricultural Extension Services to ensure quality extension services to the farmers simultaneously keeping them on par with other technical cadres.

I am directed to get Compliance/ Action Taken Report on the advice given by this Directorate. Hence it is requested to kindly provide the Compliance/ Action Taken Report on the above said subject at the earliest.

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Dt. 06th 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 237th Meeting held on 29th 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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10. M&I Unit, KB & ISO, DKMA for uploading the same on the ICAR website.