



ABSTRACT

Agriculture-Department - Starting up of Agriculture and allied subjects in General Universities in Government Sector and Deemed Universities in Private Sector - No Objection Certificate should be obtained from the State Government after getting Accreditation from Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - Orders - Issued.

Agriculture (AU) Department

G.O.(Ms).No.171

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Read:

1. From the Deputy Secretary (Agricultural Education), ICAR, Letter F.No.Edn./13/1/2016-HRD, dated 6.10.2016.
2. From the Secretary and Director General, ICAR, D.O. Letter No.Edn.5/7/2017-EQR/413, dated 13.4.2017.
3. From the Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Letter No.R2/18443/2017, dated 8.8.2017.

ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Government of India has informed that the Governing Body of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Society in its 237th Meeting held on 29th June, 2016 has approved UG degrees in Agriculture and Allied subjects namely 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.

2. In the letter second read above, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Government of India has stated that the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established National Agricultural Education Accreditation Board (NAEAB) with the objectives

to assist people, prospective students, educational institutions, professional societies, potential employers, government and other concerned agencies in identifying those institutions and programmes which meet the minimum norms and standards prescribed by the Council. The Board has been offering accreditation to the agricultural universities, their colleges and programmes. Apart from the agricultural universities, there are General universities in the Government and Private Sector which offer agricultural degree programmes through their constituent colleges/faculties/schools. According to reports and several representations from students and academicians, poor quality of education in some of these institutions is a matter of concern and considering these facts, the National Agricultural Education Accreditation Board has taken a decision in its XIX meeting held on 20.3.2017 to allow the State Universities having agriculture faculty and State Private Universities offering courses in agricultural science to submit Self Study Report in the prescribed proforma to the Council for consideration of accreditation.

3. In the letter third read above, the Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has stated that in line with the Medical Council, All India Council for Technical Education and Veterinary Council, the General/Deemed Universities have to necessarily obtain both accreditation from Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and No Objection Certificate from the State Government for offering agricultural and allied degree courses. Ruthless starting of many institutions will lead to mushrooming of institutions in Agriculture which might lead to supply more than the demand and cause unnecessary problems for the future generation. Hence, No Objection Certificate from the State Government is essential which will also ensure the provision of required facilities available in the institute so as to have quality education of Agriculture in Tamil Nadu.

4. The Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, has therefore requested the Government to issue necessary orders to the effect that for starting up of agricultural and allied subjects (Agriculture, Horticulture, Agricultural Engineering, Forestry, Food Technology, Biotechnology, Sericulture, Home / Community Science, and Food Nutrition & Dietetics), the General Universities / Deemed Universities concerned have to get "No Objection Certificate" from the State Government after getting accreditation from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

5. Paragraph 2.2 of the University Grants Commission's Guidelines 2004 for establishing New Departments within the campus, setting up of off-campus center(s) / Institution(s) / Off-shore campus and starting Distance Education programmes by Deemed Universities States that

"The New Departments, new off-campus center/institution shall be setup only after obtaining approval of the UGC and that of the concerned State Government where such a center is proposed to be established. The UGC shall cause a spot visit/verification of the proposed new departments, new off-campus center / institutions to verify its infrastructure facilities, programmes, faculty, financial viability, etc. before giving permission to start the centre. The report of the committee shall be considered by the Commission for its approval".

6. Besides, University Grants Commission (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016 provide as follows:

"12.01 An institution deemed to be university shall normally operate within its own main Campus as is declared by the Central Government in the notification and conduct approved programmes of study falling within the area of its specialization.

12.02 If an institution deemed to be university, accredited by NAAC with highest grade or all eligible courses accredited with the highest grade of NBA, wishes to start new Course/ Programme/Department/School/Centre in its existing campus / off-campus in areas and disciplines that form a part of its existing academic framework, it may do so in such allied fields. The new course / programme / Department / School shall be started after the approval of the respective authorities of the Deemed to be University and the concerned Statutory Council(s), wherever required, and after creating all the necessary infrastructure and other facilities as per the norms of concerned statutory councils(s)".

7. The Government have carefully examined the request of the Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in the light of the University Grants Commission's Guidelines, 2004 and the University Grants Commission (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2016 and decided to accept the same. Accordingly, the Government direct that all Deemed Universities intending to open a new department in its campus or an off-campus centre / institution in Agriculture and allied subjects viz., Agriculture, Horticulture, Agricultural Engineering, Forestry, Food Technology, Biotechnology, Sericulture, Home / Community Science, and Food Nutrition & Dietetics should obtain "No Objection Certification" from the State Government after getting accreditation from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) .

8. The Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University is requested to issue necessary instructions accordingly to all concerned.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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