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Subject: Changes in the Rules and Guidelines for Grant of Financial Assistance to Scientific Societies for organizing National/International Seminars/Symposium/Conferences and Publication of Scientific Journals.

Placed below are the approved changes in the Rules and Guidelines for Grant of Financial Assistance to Scientific Societies for organizing National/International Seminars/Symposium/Conferences and Publication of Scientific Journals by the **Governing Body (GB)** in its 252nd Meeting held on 19.01.2021 through video conferencing. These changes are applicable from 1st April 2021 onwards.

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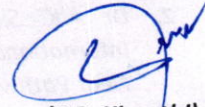
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Annexure

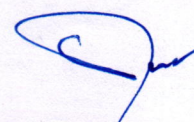
CHANGES IN THE RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR GRANT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES FOR ORGANIZING NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS/ SYMPOSIUM/CONFERENCES AND PUBLICATION OF SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS.

Scientific Societies play a major role in promoting interest and enhancing quality of research. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi has been operating a scheme for grant of financial assistance to scientific societies and academic institutions engaged in the field of agriculture and allied disciplines for meeting part of expenditure on publication of their journals and for holding international/national seminars/symposia/Conferences etc.

The rules and guidelines of the Scheme were revised in December 2018. During deliberations in 53rd Meeting of the Standing Committee held on 16th March 2020, it was decided to revisit the few items of the existing rules and guidelines.

The changes in the rules and guidelines for grant of financial assistance to scientific societies for organizing national/international seminars/ symposium/conferences and publication of scientific journals are annexed and submitted before the Governing Body.

Item No	Existing	Revised
4.3	<p>Eligibility:</p> <p>A registered Society/ Association/Body /SAU/ General University will be eligible for Council's financial assistance for holding a National or International seminar/ symposium/conference and other related events for <u>not more than once in a year</u></p>	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A registered Society/ Association/ NGO body registered with NITI Aayog and Research Institution/ SAU/ General University will be eligible for Council's financial assistance for holding a National or International Seminar/ Symposium/Conference and other related events <u>once every two years. National and International Conference/ Seminars/Symposia etc. will be treated separately and independently.</u>• In accordance with the Govt of India directives, all the Seminars/ Symposia/ workshops may be organized in online mode ensuring participation of a large number of eminent scientists, academicians, research scholars, experts, members of the agricultural industry, farmers associations, farmers and other stakeholders as per requirement of the said Seminars/ Symposia/



		<p>workshops. However, if the society/ Academic Institution wishes to organize the Seminar/ Symposia/ Workshop in Physical or hybrid mode, proper justification for doing so will be necessary. The estimated expenditure statement may include these details in the proposal appropriately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Societies and academic institutions may accord priority to organize seminars/ symposia/ conferences to address national priorities and the Mandate of the Council in Agricultural Research, Education and Outreach. Core areas of basic aspects of agricultural research within the mandate of the Council could also be supported on the recommendation of the concerned SMD or the competent authority of DARE/ICAR.
4.2.2	<p>Publication of Journals:</p> <p>For publication of journals, the amount of assistance will be 3.0 lakhs for 'A' category journals (NAAS Rating: 6.0 and above), 2.0 lakhs for 'B' category journals (NAAS Rating: between 4.5 and < 6.0), and 1.50 lakhs for 'C' category journals (NAAS Rating: between 3.0 and < 3.00).</p>	<p>Publication of Journals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For publication of Research Journals by societies/academic Institutions; only two categories: Category A (NAAS rating ≥ 6) and category B (NAAS rating between 4 and 5.9) shall be considered. All the remaining Journals having NAAS rating < 4.0 shall cease to be considered for ICAR Grants for publication of Journals in future. The maximum assistance for category A and category B Journals shall be Rs. 3.00 lakh and Rs. 2.00 lakh respectively. In accordance with the Govt of India scientific directives, societies/academic institutions may only publish Journals in digital/online form and host them in the website/ portals for wider dissemination and circulate soft versions amongst all the stakeholders. In case the society/ Academic Institution wishes to publish a very limited no. of hard copies also, proper justification may be furnished. The estimated

		expenditure statement may include these details appropriately.
Point No. 18 of Annex. I	<p>Details of financial assistance:</p> <p>For holding National events the maximum limit will be Rs 5.00 lakhs and for International event the maximum limit will be Rs 10.00 lakhs)</p>	<p>Details of financial assistance:</p> <p>For holding National Seminars/ Symposia/Conferences/Workshops the maximum limit will be Rs 5.00 lakhs and for an individual International event the maximum limit will be Rs 10.00 lakhs). Societies/ Academic Institutions may provide details of estimated expenditure in the application proforma.</p>
Annex. 1A clause No. 9	<p>Financial support sought from the Council:</p> <p>Give information on funding from other sources, if any. Give details on how the financial support requested from the ICAR will be utilized.</p>	<p>Financial support sought from the Council:</p> <p>Following details may also be provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Total estimated expenditure of the event (in Rs-----) along with head/item wise details. The amount of assistance required from ICAR (in Rs--). Also give details on how the financial support requested from the ICAR will be utilized. Also provide information on the financial support received from other sources, if any.

