

Vide Council's letter No.14-2/2017-Vig.-I dated 29th June, 2017, a Review meeting was called on 08.07.2017 under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, ICAR where in the Vigilance Officer, Head of Administration Wing and Head of Finance Wing were invited from the institutes located in western zone. From this Institute, Dr. R.S. Bhatt, PS and Vigilance Officer, Shri Harshit Agarwal, AO & Head of Office and S.C.Sharma, FAO have attended the meeting.

The meeting started at 10.30AM on 08.07.2017 in the Committee Room of CIFE, Mumbai. In his address, the Secretary, ICAR covered important issues relating to the vigilance, administration and finance. The main points covered are as under:-


1. GeM :- The Secretary asked that after the introduction of GeM, All the ICAR institutes are required to effect all the procurement through the GeM mandatorily. In case, the items not available on GeM, the same can be procured as per the existing method only after certificate from technical committee is obtained stating that the specifications available at GeM does not meet the required criteria with strong justification. There should be an effort to make vendors tech savy to make this transition to digital format smooth.
2. E-procurement:- It was instructed by the Secretary to effect the purchases and services from e-procurement method wherever possible.
3. GST:- The Secretary strongly stressed upon the implementation of GST wherever it is involved and asked all the participants to check the implementation after completing all the pre-requisite formalities.
4. GFR 2017:- The Secretary informed that there are certain amendments in GFR 2017 which should be gone through by all the institutes for proper implementation of the GFR-2017 in letter and spirit.
5. Master Plan:- It was informed by the Secretary to complete all the formalities relating the preparation of Master Plan and its approval from SMD/ICAR and local bodies, state govt, wherever required at the earliest.
- 6:- Solar Power:- The need to establish the solar power was explained by him and it was instructed to complete the formalities for establishment solar power system wherever feasible in the campus.
- 7:- Revenue Generation:- It was stressed upon to increase the revenue generation upto 30% of running expenditure of operational costs.
8. Green Campus:- It was emphasised upon that every ICAR institute should become a greener campus by making more use of Compost pits, Roof Top Solar power etc. as a small step towards addressing issue of Global Climate Change.
9. Retired Employees on contract: Generally, retired employees should not be re-employed back again on contract unless there are strong compelling reasons and work done by him is of unique in nature. If their services are hired, they should be taken as consultants. While re-employing a second line of workmen must be created so as to replace him in due course of time not more than six months.



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In the afternoon session, Chief Vigilance Officer of ICAR delivered lecture on vigilance in the area of purchase, recruitment, contracts and services etc. It was informed by him that the terms and conditions of tender documents should be very clear and there should not be any ambiguity in the terms and conditions relating to the job requirement and manpower requirement. In the job requirement, there should not be any reflection of manpower requirement directly or indirectly.

The meeting was also addressed by the Under Secretary (Vig.) and Section Officer (Vig.), ICAR wherein the method of inquiry was explained.

The information relating to vigilance cases pending, the procurement made amounting to Rs.5 lakhs and above in each case and the cases where the procurement orders were placed other than L-1 quote during last two years and pending audit paras were also asked which were presented by Dr. R.S. Bhatt, Shri Harshit Agarwal and Sh. S.C. Sharma respectively.


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