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Sub: ICAR accreditation for B.Sc. (Agriculture) programme-reg:

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 13.07.2017 on the subject cited above, it is informed that ICAR accreditation is not mandatory, rather a voluntary exercise based on the request of the universities. SAUs should not insist on ICAR accreditation as a basic criteria for giving admission to PG programmes. Further, it is informed that the Council, in this regard, has issued a public notice dated 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

Yours' faithfully,

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A large number of queries are being received by the ICAR from the stakeholders, students, institutions, parents, colleges, universities, schools, organizations etc. seeking clarification of the terms 'Recognition' & 'Accreditation' and procedure to obtain approval for opening a new institution, which are clarified as under:

- Because of its non-statutory status, ICAR does not give 'Recognition' or 'Affiliation' to any university/institution/organization or any course/ programme/degree offered by such institution. The ICAR provides only 'Accreditation' to university/institution/organization or faculty/college/school of agriculture of the institution or any course/ programme /degree offered by such institution in agriculture and allied subject for quality assurance in higher agricultural education once first batch students of programme are passed out from the university/institution/college.
- ICAR does not give approval for permission to open/start/close of college/institution/University to offer programmes in agricultural science in a particular State as the agriculture and agriculture education are State subjects (Entry 14 under List II). However, it is required that all the institutions offering academic programmes in agricultural science to comply with the minimum requirements and academic regulations prescribed by ICAR to achieve uniformity and wider acceptability of the programmes throughout the country.
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- Further details on accreditation are available on ICAR home page ([www.icar.org.in](http://www.icar.org.in)) at link "National Agricultural Education Accreditation Board".

This is issued with the approval of competent authority of ICAR.

Secretary

National Agricultural Education Accreditation Board