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F.No. 1(8)/Fin/CSR-Fund/2023-24

Date: - 18.10.2023

To,

The Director(s) of all ICAR Institute(s)/NRC/etc.

Sub: - **Operationalization of CSR funding in ICAR-reg.**

Ref: - ICAR Circular dated 27th July, 2023 from Joint Secretary (Finance), ICAR (Copy Attached).

Sir,

This is in reference to operationalization of CSR funding in ICAR as per above cited referred Circular dated 27.07.2023. In this context & for smooth and timely transfer of funds to the respective Institutes, it is requested that: -

1. The NASF secretariat ICAR may please be informed about the approval/provision of funds by any donor company under-CSR funding. In a recent case, a deposit is received in the Bank account of CSR fund at ICAR without any intimation neither from Institute nor from donor Company.
2. The respective Institute may sent a request to NASF secretariat ICAR with details of funding approved and/or deposit by the donor company under CSR, for the transfer/remittance of fund by the NASF, ICAR.

The funding received under CSR shall be utilized as per **"ICAR Guidelines for utilization of corporate social responsibility funds 2020"** as already issued by ICAR, New Delhi.

Encl: As above

(Jitendra Kumar)

Assistant Director General (NASF)

- Copy: -
1. All DDG(s)/SMD, at ICAR HQ. for kind Information.
 2. PSO to Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR for kind information.
 3. Sr. PPS to AS (D) & Secretary ICAR for kind information.
 4. PPS to AS&FA, ICAR for kind information.
 5. Joint Secretary (Finance) ICAR for kind information.



Date: 27th July, 2023

Subject: Operationalization of CSR funding in ICAR – reg.

1. 'ICAR Guidelines for utilization of Corporate Social Responsibility Funds 2020' were formulated by ICAR in 2022 with a view to augment and supplement its research activities through CSR funds.
2. Further, MoCA vide its notification No. GSR 776(E) dt. 11.10.2019 has included ICAR under Schedule VII, item (ix) of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of its engagement in conducting research in science, technology, engineering and medicine aimed at promoting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
3. As such, procedural requirement regarding applicability of "Form CSR-1" was under consideration at ICAR Hqrs for which clarification was sought from the MoCA regarding requirement of registration in form of 'Registration of Entities for undertaking CSR Activities – Form CSR 1' and any subsequent reporting / filing of returns consequent to receipts of funds under CSR.
4. Subsequently, MoCA vide its OM No.: 10/14/2023-CSR dated 13.07.2023 has provided clarification regarding issues raised by the ICAR Hqrs. (Copy of the OM dated 13.07.2023 is attached herewith for ready reference):
 - Schedule VII of the act indicates the eligible list of activities that can be undertaken by the companies as CSR. The Ministry vide general Circular no. 21/2014 and 14/2021 dated 25th August, 2021 had clarified that items mentioned in Schedule VII are broad based and can be interpreted liberally. Further Ministry's vide notification No. GSR 776(E) dt. 11.10.2019 included item no. ix(b) under schedule VII which is reproduced below:


Item no. (ix)(b) of the Schedule VII of the act enlists "Contributions to public funded Universities; Indian Institute of Technology (IITs); National Laboratories and autonomous bodies established under Department of Atomic Energy (DAE); Department of Biotechnology (DBT); Department of Science and Technology (DST); Department of Pharmaceuticals; Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH); Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and other bodies, namely Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO); Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR); Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), engaged in conducting research in science, technology, engineering and medicine aimed at promoting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)"
 - MoCA had clarified that "As ICAR is already incorporated under Item no. ix(b) of the schedule VII, it may proceed as per the above para no. (iv) and (v)".
5. Therefore, ICAR can accept contributions under CSR from donor companies directly.
6. For this purpose, a bank account has been opened to handle contributions received under CSR at ICAR HQs. The account shall be operated by NASF secretariat.
7. Funds received on behalf of various ICAR Institutes shall be transferred to respective Institute within **2 working days**. Institute shall utilize the funds so received as per 'ICAR Guidelines for utilization of Corporate Social Responsibility Funds 2020'.

8. Proper records for receipts and remittances to the institutes will be maintained at NASF secretariat.
9. For any further details, **ICAR Guidelines for utilization of Corporate Social Responsibility Funds 2020'** may be referred to.

The details of the bank account are as under:

Name	ICAR CSR FUNDS
Account No	110130648477
Address	ICAR NASF, PUSA CAMPUS NEW DELHI - 110012
IFSC Code:	CNRB 0019029
MICR:	110015391
SWIFT Code:	CNRBTNBBFD

This is issued with the approval of AS & FA DARE/ICAR.


GP SHARMA
Joint Secretary (FINANCE)