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**NEW DELHI - 110 012 (INDIA)**

File No.: ICAR-IARI/TGS-I/RTI/2025/e-360092/14

Dated: March 11, 2026

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**Sub:Information required under RTI Act 2005**

Dear Mr. Gowtham S,

With reference to your RTI Application Registration No. IAGRI/R/E/25/00152 dated 08/12/2025 on the subject cited above; the information sought is given below:

Point No.	Information required/Query	Reply
1.	Please provide the total number of equivalence certificates issued by IARI during the last 24 months, along with the subjects or disciplines for which equivalence was granted in aggregated form without any personal information. Please provide the total number of cases in the last 24 months where the discipline Soil Science was granted equivalence to Agricultural Physics in aggregated form only.	Information is not available in material form as per Section 2(f) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.
2.	Please provide copies of the rules, clauses, office orders, notifications, or official guidelines under which IARI is authorized to issue equivalence certificates for academic disciplines.	As per UGC Notification No.F.9-3/2016(CPP-II) dated 19/07/2016 (copy enclosed)
3.	Please provide copies of the specific rules, guidelines, office orders, or notifications under which Soil Science was granted equivalence to Agricultural Physics if such documents exist.	Information is not available in material form as per Section 2(f) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.
4.	Please provide information on the Competent Authority within IARI responsible for approving and issuing equivalence certificates, including the designation of the officer or committee entrusted with this function.	Equivalence Certificate is issued by Joint Director (Admin.) & Sr. Registrar on the recommendations of the Professor of the concerned discipline after discussion in Board of Studies and it is approved by Joint Director (Education) & Dean.
5.	Please indicate the minimum eligibility criteria, academic requirements, or evaluation parameters that a subject or discipline must fulfill in order to be granted equivalent status to another discipline.	Information is not available in material form as per Section 2(f) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.
6.	Please clarify whether the equivalence certificate issued by IARI applies to an individual applicant only or an entire academic program or department, that is, whether the equivalence is general or case specific.	Equivalence Certificate is issued on case specific basis.
7.	Please provide a copy of any official rule, guideline, or file noting that specifies whether the Division of Agricultural Physics is required to provide formal approval or a No Objection Certificate (NOC) before equivalence between Soil Science and Agricultural Physics exists, kindly provide a copy of the NOC issued for granting equivalence of Soil Science to Agricultural Physics, and if no such NOC exists, please state so.	Information is not available in material form as per Section 2(f) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

Appellate Authority in the matter is Dr. Anupama Singh, Dean & Joint Director (Education), IARI, New Delhi-12.

Yours faithfully,

  
Assistant Administrative Officer

Copy to:

1. Incharge, AKMU with a request to kindly arrange to upload onto IARI website under "RTI Application".
2. Nodal Officer, RTI Section, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi-110012.



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(Jaspal S. Sandhu)  
Secretary