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Date: 13.07.2019

To
Mr. Tarsem Kumar I.A.S,
Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Finance and Planning)
Government of Puducherry
Puducherry 605 001

Sir,

Sub: PG admissions – Students of PAJANCOA & RI in TNAU – reg.

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The Tamil Nadu Agricultural University is one of the State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) in the country that is bestowed with a responsibility to regulate higher agricultural education in partnership with ICAR. Since Agricultural Education is a state subject, all the State Governments (Agriculture /Education Departments) in co-ordination with SAUs have been entrusted by ICAR to ensure the quality of agricultural education.

With this background, the 139th Academic Council of TNAU after deliberations and careful examination of issues pertaining to the quality of higher education in agriculture approved the PG Information Notification Brochure (2019-20) to admit the students for masters/doctoral program with one of the following eligibility criteria (6.1 of the Brochure).


- Only those students who have studied in State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) / Colleges affiliated to SAUs/ Central Agricultural Universities (CAUs)/ICAR Deemed Universities/ Central Universities with Agriculture Faculty listed by ICAR/ any other institutes accredited by NAEAB (ICAR) alone are eligible for admission to TNAU for masters & doctoral programs.

Further, the ICAR has indicated regarding the poor quality of education in general universities in government and private sectors offering agricultural degree programs and accordingly suggested that state universities having agriculture faculty and private universities offering courses in agricultural sciences to submit their self-study report for consideration of accreditation even for the institutes that are recognized by UGC or NAAC accredited. Since, agricultural degree programs are professional courses, ICAR insisted for the institutions other than SAU system to apply for

accreditation to offer the agricultural courses. However, the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru College of Agriculture and Research Institute (PAJANCOA & RI), Karaikal, in government sector did not get ICAR accreditation.

Recently, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Finance and Planning), Government of Puducherry requested TNAU to permit their students for admission and intimated that the ICAR Peer Review Committee has visited PAJANCOA & RI, Karaikal for Accreditation purpose on 26.04.2019 and 27.04.2019 and PAJANCOA & RI, Karaikal will probably be accredited during the 24th meeting of National Agricultural Education Accreditation Board, ICAR, New Delhi, which is scheduled to be held by this month end.

In this context, I am by direction to inform that, TNAU has re-considered the decision on this issue based on the suggestions of the Government of Tamil Nadu and recommendations of the Board of Management. Hence, '**conditional permission is accorded as a special case**' for the students of PAJANCOA & RI, Karaikal to apply for PG admission in TNAU '**for this academic year 2019-20 only**'. The PAJANCOA & RI, Karaikal is advised to obtain necessary ICAR accreditation at the earliest. This relaxation should not be quoted as '**precedence**' and for the next year admission (2020-21), the ICAR accreditation is mandatory for admission to TNAU.


Registrar
13/7/19

CC: The Dean,
Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru College of Agriculture and Research Institute (PAJANCOA & RI),
Karaikal