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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Clarification regarding admissibility of Non Practicing Allowance (NPA) to eligible Veterinary Scientific and Technical Personnel of ICAR – reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Council's OM of even number dated 04.08.2026 regarding grant of NPA to eligible Veterinary Scientific and Technical Personnel of ICAR and to state that clarifications have been sought regarding grant / continuation of NPA on appointment to a higher post.

2. In this regard, it is clarified that "Agricultural Sciences" includes Agriculture and allied sciences, such as Crop Science, Horticulture, Natural Resource Management, Animal and Veterinary Sciences, Fisheries Sciences, Agricultural Engineering and Agricultural Extension. Veterinary Science is, therefore, an integral part of Agricultural Sciences. Accordingly, NPA may be granted / continued on appointment to a higher post where the essential qualification is in Agricultural Sciences and the duties are related to Veterinary Science, subject to fulfilment of other prescribed conditions.

3. The basic principle is that a person holding BVSc. & AH or equivalent qualification, irrespective of any higher qualification, who is appointed / transferred in public interest to a post for which such qualification makes him / her eligible, shall be eligible for grant / continuation of NPA.

4. For the sake of further clarity:

(a) Where a higher post requires a doctoral degree in Agricultural, Animal or Veterinary Sciences, including a qualification permitting specialization in Animal / Veterinary Sciences, a Veterinary Scientist appointed to such post in public interest may continue to draw NPA.

(b) Where the post requires a doctoral degree in a discipline outside Agricultural, Animal or Veterinary Sciences, such as Basic Sciences, Statistics, Economics, Information Technology or Engineering, NPA shall not continue merely because the duties are related to agriculture.

This clarification shall be read with the OM dated 04.08.2026 and followed uniformly by all ICAR Institutes / Units.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(Daya Nand Pandey)

Under Secretary (Per.)

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