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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

SUB: Constitution of expert committee to suggest a road map for strengthening of farm universities in Karnataka - reg.

Preamble:

The University of Agricultural Sciences was established during 1985 under the pattern of US Land Grants University, with a mandate to carry out the triple functions of teaching, research and extension in the field of Agriculture that includes, Horticulture, Sericulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Forestry and other allied sectors with a jurisdiction of the entire state. Subsequently, in the year 1986, a second Agriculture University in the State was established at Dharwad with a jurisdiction of Northern Districts of the State. During the year 2005, a specialized University, Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University was established at Bidar. Further, during the year 2009, another specialized university - University of Horticultural Sciences was established at Bagalkot. The fifth farm university, University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur was started in 2009 with a jurisdiction of 6 districts of Hyderabad - Karnataka Region.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka while presenting the Agriculture Budget vide item 35 has specifically mentioned strengthening of Universities wherein it is stated as follows :-

35. "There are 4 Agricultural Universities and one university each for Horticulture and Animal Husbandry in the State. An amount of Rs 524 crore has been provided for these universities in 2012-13. To supplement them, several new Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry colleges have been opened in the recent years. In spite of this, there are demands from many districts/tahaks to open such colleges. Apart from the lack of adequate funds, infrastructure facilities and faculty, there is lack of co-ordination between these universities. Considering all these points, it is intended to form an Expert Committee to suggest a road map for their further development and to formulate a plan of action. Government will take appropriate action in 6 months to examine the report and initiate implementation."

Agriculture from the farmer's point of view encompasses crop production, soil and water management, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Sericulture and other related activities, supplementing and complementing each other. In this context, carrying out teaching/research/extension activities in synergistic manner by different farm universities is necessary and is to the advantage of farm community. In order to improve the socio-economic conditions of the farmers, a holistic farming system approach involving crops and livestock has to be adopted as biological activities operate in a symbiotic manner. Appropriate integrated farming system models have to be

developed, validated and propagated to make farming profitable, sustainable economically and ecologically in the long run.

Keeping this in view, the Government is keen to bring systemic reforms to effect synergies in teaching, research and extension activities of the 5 farm universities of the State. This has been emphasized in the current budget (2012-13) of Government of Karnataka. Accordingly, a High Level Expert Committee is constituted to suggest a road map, ways and means for the strengthening and integration of 5 farm universities in the State of Karnataka.

Hence, this order.

Government Order No. AD 5 AUM 2012

Bangalore, Dated : 21-06-2012

The Government is pleased to appoint an expert committee under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka with the following members to review and make suitable recommendations to Government :-

1. Additional Chief Secretary cum Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka - Chairman
2. Principal Secretary to Government Department of Agriculture - Member
3. Sri Rajinani, Ex-Additional Director General, ICAR and Coconut Development Board - Member
4. Sri Manimohan Atavar, Horticulture Specialist - Member
5. Sri P. K. Joshi, Director, Asia International Food Policy Research Institute, New-Delhi - Member
6. Sri Dev Kumar, Additional Director General (Education), ICAR, New-Delhi - Member
7. Vice Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore - Member
8. Vice Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad - Member
9. Vice Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur - Member
10. Vice Chancellor, University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot - Member
11. Vice Chancellor, Karnataka Veterinary Animal & Fisheries Sciences, Bidar - Member
12. Sri Gopal Nayak, Professor, IIM, Bangalore - Member
13. Dr. G. K. Vasanthkumar, Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture - Member
14. Registrar, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore - Member Secretary

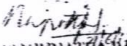
The committee is authorized to utilize the services of any official in the Government or faculty in 5 farm universities as co-opted members.

Specific terms of reference :-

1. To review the existing farm university system in terms of imparting education, conduct of research and extension programmes and identify inadequacies. In the process, the committee may suggest redesigning and restructuring of the programmes in tune with the emerging demand in the State, Country and Globe. To review the infrastructure required to run the institutes.
2. To identify opportunities for farm universities to mobilize financial resources so that they can move towards a self supporting system.
3. To suggest a plan for effective utilization of existing human resources and capacity buildings in emerging areas of agricultural sciences.
4. To suggest a road map to enable the farm universities to undertake farmer centric research and extension activities with clear output and deliverables in tune with the budget allocation State needs.
5. To suggest ways and means to accomplish effective interface between farm universities and industry so that the technologies developed by the universities are quickly commercialised and reach the farmers.
6. To design mechanism to co-ordinate and monitor the execution of above suggestions.

The expert committee shall submit its final report to the Government of Karnataka within 3 months from the date of order.

By Order and in the Name of
the Governor of Karnataka.


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3. The Personal Secretary to Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.

4. The Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister of Karnataka, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.
5. The Private Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore.
6. The Principal Secretary to Government, Department of Agriculture, M.S. Buildings, Bangalore.
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