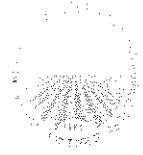




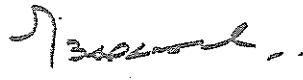
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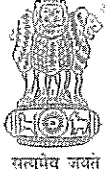
**ENDORSEMENT**

The Special Secretary, DARE & Secretary, ICAR vide D. O. No. EC/1-42/2012 dated 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 has directed for periodical check and upkeep of electrical installation and circuit/wiring to avoid occurrence of fire hazards in ICAR Institutes. A copy of the above D.O. is attached herewith for information and further necessary action.

  
Chief Administrative Officer  
22/10/18

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Dated the 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

**Subject: Periodical check and upkeep of electrical installations and circuit/ wiring to avoid occurrence of fire hazards in ICAR Institutes-reg.**

**Dear Director,**

As you are aware, fire safety is an essential component of public safety. The fire safety measures are a set of practices intended to reduce the destruction caused by fire and include those that are intended to prevent ignition of an uncontrolled fire and those that are used to limit the development and effects of a fire after it starts.

During the discussion in the 244<sup>th</sup> GB meeting of ICAR held on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, the proposal for writing off losses due to fire in Data Bio-informatics of Centre at NRCPB, New Delhi, it was decided that a general instruction may be issued to all Institutes to periodically to check and upkeep electrical installations and circuits/wiring to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future.

As we know, the fire safety measures, which includes fire preventive measures, fire alarm and firefighting systems, are provided in the buildings during its construction as per the National Building code and local fire department norms. However, these fire safety measures /systems need to be maintained properly throughout the operating life of the buildings for larger safety of public life and property.

Some of the common fire hazards are electrical systems that are overloaded, poorly maintained or defective; combustible storage areas with insufficient fire protections; combustibles near equipment that generate heat, flame or sparks ; poor cooling arrangement in the data bank area; electrical wiring in poor condition and leaking/defective batteries etc.

It may be ensured by the institutes that the fire safety measures taken during the construction are maintained properly and annual fire safety reports are submitted by the maintenance agency. In cases where the maintenance is being carried out departmentally, the administration of the institute may ensure the same. Annual fire mock drills may be carried out by the institutes to mix the messages of general injuries, safety, fire prevention and escapes.

This may be treated as most urgent.

With Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

  
(Chhabilendra Roul)

13/9/2018

To, All SMD & Directors of ICAR Institute/NRCs/PDs/ATARI/DS (GAC), ICAR Hqs.