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**Dated: 25 November, 2024**

To,

Directors of ICAR Institutes/ NRCs/ Directorates/ National Bureaux/ ATARIs/ Vice Chancellors of State Agricultural Universities/ CAUs/ CUs with Agriculture Faculty.

**Subject: Inviting nominations for the award of MS Swaminathan Chair and Norman Borlaug Chair under National Professors Scheme of ICAR**

Dear Sir/Madam,

ICAR proposes to fill-up one position of **MS Swaminathan Chair** for all disciplines of Agriculture and Allied Sciences and one position of **Norman Borlaug Chair in International Agriculture** located in ICAR-AU system. The basic objective of these schemes is to promote excellence by recognizing outstanding scientists with proven output and outcome for creating a culture of basic research through their project work in the National Agricultural Research and Education System (NARES) and establishing and nurturing a novel school of thought around the recognized person.

**MS Swaminathan Chair**

The nominees who have demonstrated individual excellence/achievements and significantly contributed through basic research in any field of Agriculture and Allied Sciences are eligible for consideration of MS Swaminathan Chair. The nominee should be a nationally and internationally acclaimed scientist with adequate evidence of contribution to the basic research in the form of knowledge and technology generation including published work in reputed peer reviewed high impact journals, innovation as product/ process/ methodology developed/ patented/ varieties released etc. in their specific field of specialization.

**Norman Borlaug Chair**

Nationally and Internationally acclaimed scientists who have demonstrated individual excellence/ achievements, significantly contributed through research having impact on International Agriculture with strong evidence of contribution to the research in the form of knowledge and technology generation including published work in reputed peer reviewed high impact journals, innovation as product/ process/ methodology developed/ patented/ protected with relevance for International Agriculture are eligible for consideration for award of this Chair.

The nominees currently active in research and holding the post of Principal Scientists/ Professors for a minimum period of 8 years, and not exceeding 60 years of age (as on 30.12.2024) are eligible for consideration of above Chairs. The position carries a fixed pay of Rs. 2,10,000/- per month with allowances for a period of five years. The tenure of the position may be extended, based on excellence shown in the quality of work, but in no case beyond the age of 65 years of the incumbent. In addition, the contingent funds for required staff, equipments and operational assistance would also be provided by the ICAR. The detailed guidelines of the National Professor schemes are available on <https://icar.org.in/sites/default/files/ICAR10001-min.pdf>.

The eligible candidates may apply online through Research Leadership Building System (RLBS) Portal of ICAR accessible on <http://rlbs.icar.gov.in>. The last date for receiving the applications/nominations is **December 30, 2024 (Monday)**. In case of any difficulty while applying, one may contact on e-mail: cbp@icar.gov.in.

The **RLBS Portal shall remain open upto 5:30 pm of December 30, 2024** being the last date to apply. You are requested to bring this to the notice of all eligible Scientists/Professors and kindly nominate such eminent scientist(s).

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(R. C. Agrawal)