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To

Sh. Radha Mohan Singh,
Honourable Union Minister of Agriculture &
Farmers Welfare,
Government of India, Krishi Bhawan
New Delhi- 110001

Sub.: Restructuring ASRB and reducing the tenures of
Chairman and Members of ASRB- Requesting – Reg.

Respected Sir,

Greetings from ARSSF!

Sir, the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB) is one of the most important institutions of ICAR responsible for recruitment of the agricultural scientists including research managers. In general, scientists feel that ASRB has not been functioning as truly independent body as a result there has been many complaints regarding selection. The FORUM has been raising such issues in internal meetings and seeking correction measures. There have been complaints of external intervention in selection of research managers leading to appointment of poor managers.

The speculations are rife that, of late, the present chairman ASRB has submitted his resignation which has led to deep confusion among the mind of scientists. After submitting resignation should the incumbent continue to chair board? Scientific community feels that in such situation, the incumbent should not chair the selection board meeting. Sir, the chairman and two members of ASRB are selected among the eligible candidates from ICAR or State Agricultural Universities. The tenures of the positions are being given as more than five years.



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ARSSF CEC discussed this issue and felt that there is need of revamping ASRB to bring in more objectivity, transparency and independency and also decided to request the honourable authority to make necessary modification in guidelines for appointing Chairman and Members of ASRB as suggested below:

1. The tenure of chairman and members of ASRB may be fixed as maximum of **three** years.
2. The selection procedure of chairman and members should be more rigorous and transparent. The selected candidate for such high level board should have proven record of honesty and integrity who can select best candidate without succumbing to any external intervention.

With Kind Regards


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