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Subject: **Memorandum to Secretary (DARE) & Director General (ICAR) regarding serious irregularities, cheating and mismanagement of ICAR's All India Entrance Examination 2018 conducted in online mode on 22nd June, 2018 across the country and to request for taking proper action for justice to the candidates.**

Hon'ble sir,

ICAR's 23rd All India Entrance Examination, 2018 for UG, PG and Ph.D. admission was held on 22nd June, 2018 (PG & Ph.D.) & 23rd June, 2018 (UG). It is inform to your honour that AIASA officials got hundreds of emails from candidates across the country regarding irregularities, cheating, fraud, and mismanagement of ICAR online Examination, 2018. An "Immediate Response/grievances collection system" from the ICAR exam candidates across the country was launched by Mr. Ashwini Ananda (Joint Secretary, Northeast Zone, AIASA). More than 500 and still counting emails got from all over the country. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is an autonomous organisation under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. The Council is the apex body for co-ordinating, guiding and managing research and education in agriculture including horticulture, fisheries and animal sciences in the entire country. This is most prestigious organisation in agriculture sector of India which conducts national level exam for UG, PG and Ph.D. admission for 15% seats of various Agricultural Universities of India. As we all know, this is the 1st time ICAR has conducted the examination in online mode. AIASA appreciate this effort made by ICAR but unfortunately there were severe irregularities, cheating, fraud and mismanagements at examination centres across the country as per hundreds of complaints received by this organization. As a results students had to suffer a lot. The details of irregularities, cheating, fraud and mismanagement observed by the students are given as under :-

1. Some students didn't get their admit card even 3 days before the exam.
2. Maximum student didn't get their 1st, 2nd, 3rd preferred centres and got far away centres which they didn't opt for. Within short span of time it's very difficult to get tickets of farther areas.
3. Centre location and identity was difficult to find. Hardly anyone knew about those centres. Students who came from other cities or states face a pathetic situation.
4. **No proper security check at entrance of examination hall. Student's identity was not verified.**
5. **At some centres Biometrics was not working.**
6. **Numbers of working computer were less than the candidates allotted at particular centre.**
7. **No proper seating arrangements, same stream students were allowed to sit with each other. There was chaos in capturing chair for sitting in exam and consultation.**
8. **Mass copying, even invigilators told the answers at some centres. Students used mobile phones during exam.**
9. **No strict invigilation during exam, exam hall was too noisy.**
10. Due to lack of computers some students were sitting outside and waiting for others to finish their test for about 1-2 hrs. Those who appeared in second turn, were not given sufficient time to finish the paper by invigilators.
11. At 10am ICAR Login problem has been faced by students. Some centres logged in 1hr late.
12. Servers were down most of the time at many centres.
13. **Irregular power supply at centres caused many computers shut down during exam. All saved questions disappeared after restart of computer. PC was shutting down automatically after certain interval of time and after restarting all the answers was wiped out.**
14. **Operating system was pirated at some centres which created additional problems to candidates.**
15. **At Vishakapatnam - Nobel institute of science and technology centre exam was automatically submitted by itself before 20 mins than actual submission time.**
16. **Match the following questions of JRF students were worst. Q.No. 151-160 were showing as one question and even after attempting it was showing "You have not visited 10 questions yet."**
17. Some questions were incomplete and improper display of questions on screen. More than one answer was there for certain questions, which also created confusion.

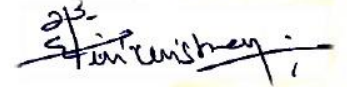
18. Some questions had only two options and some had no option.
19. **No short breaks, no whole paper, no save and previous option. There were total 160 questions, but total answered shown 189 and unanswered shown 39. This happened in Orissa and Karnataka.**
20. **Hundreds of students mailed us about improper response/no response on ICAR exam helpline number.**

The Association observed that irregularities, cheating, fraud, mismanagement have happened at many centres as reported by more than 500 candidates. This type of situation is not expected from any National level exam. No one has right to play with the carrier of the meritorious students. This organization representing agricultural communities and professionals expect immediate inquiry by independent committee and re-conduct of the exam in fair and transparent manner.

Therefore, on the behalf of AIASA, I request to Secretary DARE and DG-ICAR to kindly taking **proper and immediate actions for justice** to the hard working candidates by re-conducting the exam by providing the nearest centres to the candidates and after resolving the other above mentioned issues faced by the candidates.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully



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With the request for taking appropriate actions.



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