

INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH KRISHI BHAWAN: NEW DELHI

F. No. 16(1)/2025-Gov. Cell

Dated: 5th May, 2025

To,

Sh. Venugopal Badaravada, Shri Yama Aditya Temple, Manikarnika Kshetra, Sankatha Ghat, Varanasi, Pin-221001, Uttar Pradesh Email: nlm.gcm@gmail.com, Ph. -8353989293

Sub: Your email dated 16.04.2025 regarding receipt of legal notice by you from legal counsel of Dr. R. K. Varshney - reg.

Sir.

Kindly refer your email dated 16.04.2025 informing therein receipt of a legal notice from Shri A. K. Singh, legal Counsel of Dr. R. K. Varshney demanding an unconditional written apology, retracting all false statements, conclusions, and defamatory imputations, publish an apology in leading Indian newspapers such as The Times of India and Hindustan Times in connection with complaint letters to authorities against his client. You have also sought ICAR's guidance and support for further action in matter.

In this connection, it is stated that:

- i. As already been advised by the Council vide letter dated 27.08.2024 (copy enclosed) you are not authorized to write to any authority as a member of Governing Body of the ICAR Society without due approval.
- ii. Allegations and comments made by you against any individual are personal opinions and do not reflect ICAR's views or that of any of its authorities.
- iii. Further, Defamation is a Civil as well as Criminal wrong committed by a person (natural or/and legal) concerned because everyone is responsible for his own actions. As such ICAR is not concerned with unauthorized communications made by any Governing Body member in his/her personal capacity to any authority.

Your request under reference is responded and disposed of accordingly.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl: As above

Yours sincerely,

(Sumit Kumar Jindal)

Copy to:

- 1. Shri Ashok Kumar Singh, Email: aksingh02@gmail.com with reference to his email dated 15.04.2025 and 22.04.2025 addressed to DG, ICAR with the request that future communications in this regard, if any, may be made directly with Shri Venugopal Badaravada on his official address and contact details as above.
- 2. PPS to DG, ICAR/ Sr. PPS to Secretary, ICAR/ PPS to AS&FA/ICAR.

05/05/25



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F.No.13(3)/2024-Gov. Cell

Dated the 27 August, 2024

To,

Shri Venugopal Badaravada, Shri Yama Aditya Temple, Manikarnika Kshetra, Sankatha Ghat, Varanasi-221001 (UP)

Subject: - Your e-mail dated 27.07.2024 sent to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh for allocation of 50 Hectares of land to ICAR at Kuchimpudi for Establishing the Palmyra Research and Training Centre under the Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research, Pedavegi, Eluru District, Andhra Pradesh".

Sir,

With reference to the above mentioned subject, your kind attention is drawn towards your direct request made to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for allotment of 50 Hectares of land to ICAR at Kuchimpudi for Establishing the Palmyra Research and Training Centre.

In this regard, the undersigned has been directed by the Competent Authority to inform you that as a member of the Governing Body of the ICAR, you are not supposed to write to any authority, without due approval.

Yours faithfully,

(Ajai Varma) Deputy Secretary (Gov. Cell)

Copy to:-

- 1. PPS to Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 2. Sr. PPS to AS, DARE & Secy., ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 3. DDG (Hort. Science), KAB-II for kind information.
- 4. Director (Gov. Cell), ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.