F.No. 15-1/2018-AER-ES
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
Directorate of Economics & Statistics
(A.E.R. Division)

Room No543, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi -1 Dated: 18th September, 2020

Subject: Information sought under RTI application No. DOEAS/R/T/20/00094, dated 04.09.2020 -Reg.,

The undersigned is directed to refer to your RTI application No. DOEAS/R/T/20/00094, dated 04.09.2020 and to inform the following:-

- 1. With respect to point No.1 of the RTI application, it is informed that the staff of AERCs is appointed and governed by the rules and regulations by their respective Universities. Copy of the terms and conditions of establishment of AERC, Vallabh Vidyanagar is enclosed.
- 2. With respect to point No.2 of the RTI application, it is informed that the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare is not the appropriate authority to respond on such query. The scale of pay, other allowances and service conditions of the staff of AERC, Vallabah Vidyanagar are governed by the rules and regulations of the Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar. Therefore, Sardar Patel University is the appropriate authority to respond on the said query.
- 3. With respect to point No.3 of the RTI application, it is to inform that in all matters including recruitment, the staffs of AERCs are governed by the rules and regulations by their respective Universities.
- 4. With respect to point No.4 of the RTI application, it is informed that the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GoI has not signed MoU with Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar. As per the terms and conditions of establishment of AERC, Vallabh Vidyanagar, the scale of pay and other allowances for staff of AERC will be same as are applicable to the corresponding posts as prescribed by the University; and the staff of the AERC will be governed by the rules of the University in all matters including recruitment, service conditions of the staff, allowance, leave, provident fund etc. Therefore, it is up to the Sardar Patel University to treat the AERC staff at par with corresponding staff of the University.
- 5. With respect to point No.5 & 6 of the RTI, the clarifications have already been provided in the preceding paragraphs.

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6. The first appeal, if any, against the reply may be made within 30 days of receipt of reply to Sh. P. Sangeeth Kumar, Adviser & Appellate Authority, Room No. 445-A, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi (Ph. No. 011-23382236, email: adviser.sdds-agri@nic.in).

Yours faithfully,

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Copy to:

- 1. Sh. Animesh Kumar, CAPIO, Dte. of Eco. & Stats, Room No. 545, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi -110 001, w.r.t. e-mail dated 27.07.2020.
- 2. RTI Cell, DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 3. Technical Director, NIC, Room No.341, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.