The Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi announces the following existing and new awards.

1. Jawaharlal Nehru Award for P. G. Agricultural Research, 1997
To promote high quality doctoral thesis research in priority/frontier areas of agricultural and allied sciences, ICAR has instituted 16 awards of Rs 10,000 each to be given annually for the outstanding original research work in Agriculture and allied sciences. All postgraduate students who have obtained their Ph D degree during 1996 in India in Agriculture or allied sciences will be eligible to apply. Candidates shall be required to submit the following document along with application form through the head of the institute from where thesis has been obtained: (i) A copy of the Ph D degree certificate (obtained during 1996 only). (ii) A copy of the thesis submitted by them for the award of doctoral degree. (iii) A certificate from the guide of the candidate for Ph D degree stating the extent to which the work is the candidate’s own contribution. (iv) Six copies of the synopsis indicating precisely and in concise terms the work done by the candidate. (v) Any reprint of papers published/presented based on the doctoral thesis, and (vi) Six copies of the application form with complete address for correspondence with telegraphic address and telephone numbers.

2. ICAR Best Institution Award, 1997
In order to recognize the best performance in Agricultural Research and Education, three ICAR Awards of Rs 1,00,000/- each will be given to two ICAR Institutes/N.R.C./Project Directorates and one State Agricultural University, partially out of the interest accrued from King Baudouin Award bestowed on the ICAR in 1989. Those Institutions which have received the award earlier for 1996 need not apply for the next five years.

3. Vasanthrao Naik Award for Research Application in Agriculture, 1997
All scientists or extension workers who have made outstanding contribution in the areas of Water Conservation and Dryland Farming in India shall be eligible for the award. One award of Rs 1,00,000/- is to be given annually for the work done during the preceding 5 years.

4. Outstanding Woman Agricultural Scientist Award, 1997
All the women scientists working in the ICAR Institutes/State Agricultural Universities are eligible for the award, one award of Rs 25,000/- is to be given annually for the significant contributions made during her career as an agricultural scientist.

All research workers engaged in research in agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries and allied sciences for tribal areas (tribal areas for this purpose are those notified by the M/o
Home Affairs, Govt of India) will be eligible for applying for the award. Two prizes of Rs 50,000 each are to be given once in two years for the work done during the preceding 5 years of the period of the award. The number of associates in a single application should not be more than three applicants.

6. Outstanding Teacher Awards for the biennium, 1996–97

All staff members engaged in undergraduate or post-graduate teaching for at least 10 years in deemed Universities, ICAR Institutes and State Agricultural Universities shall be eligible for the award. Eight awards of Rs 20,000/- are to be given once in two years.

7. Best KVK Awards for the biennium, 1996–97

All KVKs of the country which have run for a minimum period of five years shall be eligible for the award. Two awards of Rs 50,000/- each are to be given once in two years for the outstanding contribution made by the Krishi Vigyan Kendra in the field of research extension and training. Achievements of the last 5 years or more but not exceeding 10 years shall form the basis for considering their best performance.

8. Babu Jagjivan Ram Innovative Farmer Award, 1997

In order to recognize the outstanding contributions of innovative farmers in agricultural and allied activities, ICAR has instituted this award for the first time in the year 1997. One annual award of Rs 1,00,000/- is to be given to a practising farmer (he/she) whose creative approaches and initiatives should result in (i) new knowledge/packages of practices/management strategies/additional information to the existing one, (ii) additional income to the individual farmer/farming community, (iii) saving in resources/inputs, (iv) prevention of outbreak of diseases and pests and in breaking technology transfer barriers.

Any farmer who has been involving himself in agriculture and livestock operations for at least 10 years, is eligible for consideration. The nominations are invited from the Agriculture Production Commissioner/Secretaries of Agriculture/Horticulture/Fishery/Animal Husbandry, District Magistrate; the Vice Chancellor, State Agricultural Universities/Directors of the ICAR Institutes/Directorate of Extension, Zonal Co-ordinators of KVKs, etc.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The prescribed proforma for applying for these awards may be obtained from the Council on or before 15 October 1997 by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope. Application with complete documents should be sent to Assistant Director General (CSC), ICAR, New Delhi 110 001, so as to reach him on or before 31 October 1997. The last date for candidates in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, States/Union Territory in the North Eastern Region, Ladakh Division of J&K State and Sikkim is 17 November 1997. The award-winning application/thesis will be retained by the Council for record.

Each candidate will be judged on the basis of the originality and the applied value of the investigations as revealed in the documents submitted by him. In all matters relating to the award, the decision of the Council shall be final and no correspondence on this account will be entertained.