INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

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

1. ICAR Best Institution Award, 1998

In order to recognize the best performance in Agricultural Research and Education, three ICAR Awards of rupees one lakh 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 for 1997 or earlier need not apply for the next five years.

2. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award for the triennium 1996–98

All research workers above 35 years of age engaged in research in the field of Agriculture, Animal husbandry and allied sciences in India shall be eligible for the Award. Nine awards of Rs 100,000 each are to be given once in three years for the work done during the preceding three years of the period of the award.

3. Vasantrao Naik Award for Research Application in Agriculture, 1998

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 100,000 is to be given annually for the work done during the preceding five years.

4. Outstanding Woman Agricultural Scientist Award, 1998

All the women scientists working in the ICAR Institute/State Agricultural Universities are eligible for the award, one award of Rs 25,000 is to be given away annually for the significant contributions made during her career as an agricultural scientist.

5. Jawaharlal Nehru Award for P.G. Agricultural Research, 1998

To promote high quality doctoral theses research in priority/frontier areas of agricultural and allied sciences, ICAR has instituted 16 awards of Rs 10,000 each to be given away annually for the outstanding original research work in agriculture and allied sciences. All postgraduate students who have obtained their Ph.D. degree during 1997 in India in agriculture or allied sciences will be eligible to apply. Candidates shall be required to submit the following documents 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 1997 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. (vi) Six copies of the application form with complete address for correspondence with telegraphic address and telephone nos.
6. Hari Om Ashram Trust Award for the biennium 1997–98

All scientists engaged in research in the field of Crop Sciences, Horticulture, Resource Management and Animal Sciences in India shall be eligible for the award. Four awards of the value of Rs 20,000 each are to be given once in two years, for the work done during the preceding five years of the period of the award.

7. ICAR Young Scientist Award for Agricultural Research for the biennium 1997–98

All young Scientists/Lecturers/Assistant Professors and who have obtained the Ph.D. degree and are below the age of 35 years shall be eligible for the award which will consist of the sanction of a really challenging scheme to be submitted by the candidate and a cash prize of Rs 10,000, fifty per cent of which will be given at the time of the award of research grant and the remaining 50 per cent will be released on the successful outcome of the scheme. A total of 10 awards will be made in various disciplines of agricultural and allied sciences once in two years.

8. Outstanding Extension Scientist/Worker Award for the triennium 1996–98

To create incentive for best extension workers in developing extension education programmes, adopting extension methodologies and creative impact of the programme on the farming community especially on the down-trodden, four awards of Rs 10,000 each are to be awarded once in three years.


In order to recognize the outstanding contributions of innovative farmers in agricultural and allied activities, one annual award of Rs 100,000 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 Chancellors of 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 30 October 1998 by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope. Six copies of 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 30 November 1998. 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 15 December 1998. 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.