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NOTICE

Reference ASRB Advertisement No. 01/2026 for recruitment to 48 Research Management Positions (RMPs). All the candidates are hereby informed that the ICAR has revised the list of Remote/Difficult/Underserved/Disadvantageous/Backward locations, vide Office Memorandum No.3(1)/2025-Per.IV dated 21.09.2026. The said Office Memorandum and the revised list are attached herewith for reference.

(Secretary, ASRB)

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INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
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F.No. 3(1)/2025-Per. IV

Dated: 21/09/2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Revision of list of Remote/Difficult/Underserved/Disadvantageous/Backward Locations for award of marks under Direct Recruitment Scorecards – reg.

The Council, vide OM of even number dated 24.07.2026, notified the Scorecards for various Direct Recruitment posts, which, inter alia, provide for award of marks for service rendered in Remote/Difficult/Underserved/Disadvantageous/Backward locations.

2. The matter has been reviewed in light of the representations received and the need for uniform and objective application of the relevant provisions. Accordingly, the Competent Authority has approved the revised list of Remote/Difficult/Underserved/Disadvantageous/Backward Locations, as contained in **Annexure-I** to this OM.
3. The revised list shall be location-based rather than Institute-based. Accordingly, eligibility for award of marks shall be determined with reference to the recognised geographical location of service, irrespective of the administrative identity of the Institute/organisation, subject to fulfilment of the other applicable conditions of the relevant Scorecard.
4. To safeguard qualifying past service, service rendered at a location recognised under the applicable earlier Government of India/ICAR/ASRB list or Scorecard framework shall continue to be eligible for the corresponding marks for the period during which the location was so recognised, notwithstanding its subsequent omission, deletion or reclassification. This shall be subject to production of duly certified documentary evidence regarding the place and period of service and verification by the competent authority.
5. The revised list shall be illustrative and not exhaustive. Future additions, omissions, deletions or reclassifications may be considered and

approved by the Director General, ICAR, within the approved Scorecard policy framework, provided such changes do not alter the basic eligibility criteria or marks structure.

6. Accordingly, the existing Annexure-U relating to Remote/Difficult/Underserved/Disadvantageous/Backward Locations, appended to the Direct Recruitment Scorecards notified vide OM dated 24.07.2026, stands superseded and replaced by the revised Annexure-I enclosed herewith. All other provisions of the said OM shall remain unchanged.
7. The revised provisions shall come into force from the date of issue of this OM. The protection of qualifying past service shall be governed by Para 4 above.
8. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(K.L. Meena)

Joint Secretary (Personnel), ICAR Hqrs.

To:

1. The Secretary, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB), New Delhi, for necessary action as above.
2. All ICAR Institutes/National Research Centres/Directorates/Bureaux, for information and necessary action.
3. All concerned Sections/Divisions of ICAR Headquarters.
4. Guard File/Spare.

Encl.: Annexure-I-Revised list of Remote/Difficult/Underserved/Disadvantageous/Backward Locations.

Annexure-I**List of Remote/Hard/Disadvantageous/ Backward Areas for the purpose of CAS Scorecard for ARS Scientists of ICAR**

Sl.No.	State	Place / Area
1	Andaman & Nicobar	Entire UT
2	Andhra Pradesh	Kandukur (SPSR Nellore)
		Srikakulam
		Guntur
		Jeelugumill (Eluru)
		Kalavacherla (East Godavari)
		Kakinada
3	Arunachal Pradesh	Entire State
4	Assam	Entire State
5	Bihar	Begusarai
		Samastipur
		Muzaffarpur
		Piprakoti, Motihari (East Champaran)
6	Gujarat	Kutch
		Panchmahal
		Bharuch
		Navsari
		Veraval (Gir Somnath)
7	Himachal Pradesh	Entire State
8	Jammu & Kashmir	Entire UT

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9	Jharkhand	Khunti
		Koderma
		Hazaribagh
		Ramgarh (Ranchi)
10	Karnataka	Kodagu
		Dakshina Kannada
		Hirahalli (Tumakuru)
		Karwar (Uttara Kannada)
		Ballari
11	Kerala	Palakkad
		Kayamkulam (Alappuzha)
		Palode (Thiruvananthapuram)
12	Ladakh	Entire UT
13	Lakshadweep	Entire UT
14	Madhya Pradesh	Datia
		Hoshangabad (Narmadapuram)
15	Manipur	Entire State
16	Meghalaya	Entire State
17	Mizoram	Entire State
18	Nagaland	Entire State
19	Odisha	Bamra (Sambalpur)
		Koraput
20	Punjab	Fazilka

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21	Rajasthan	Gudamalani (Barmer)
		Jaisalmer
22	Sikkim	Entire State
23	Tamil Nadu	Dindigui
		Nilgiris
		Mandapam (Ramanathapuram)
24	Tripura	Entire State
25	Uttar Pradesh	Kushinagar
		Hardoi
		Pratapgarh
		Mau Nath Bhanjan (Mau)
26	Uttarakhand	Entire state except Haridwar, Dehradun and Udham Singh Nagar districts
27	West Bengal	Burdwan (Purba Bardhaman)
		Dinhata (Cooch Behar)
		Kalimpong
		South 24 Parganas
		Nadia
		Jalpaiguri
		Darjeeling
		Medinipur (Paschim Medinipur)

Note:- To protect past service, a scientist who has served at a location recognized under any earlier Government of India/ICAR/ASRB list or applicable Scorecard framework during the corresponding period shall remain eligible for the corresponding marks even if the location

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is subsequently omitted, deleted or reclassified. The scientist seeking such protection shall furnish duly certified documentary evidence establishing the location, period and nature of service, subject to verification by the competent authority.

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