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Office Memorandum

In continuation of ICMR Office Order No. 16/15/2023-Admn. dated 29.03.2025, it is hereby reiterated that under no circumstances shall any Project Staff be permitted to continue beyond a maximum cumulative tenure of five (05) years, whether in a single project or across multiple projects, with or without break.

The aforesaid ceiling of five (05) years shall apply uniformly to all Project Staff, irrespective of the mode or mechanism of engagement, including appointments made through outsourced agencies, GeM portal, or any other outsourcing arrangement.

Further, it is informed that the Project Staff who are currently engaged beyond five (05) years as on date shall be allowed to continue only up to the expiry of their offered tenure, and no further continuation or extension shall be permitted thereafter. In case of any such continuation or extension, the concerned Sr. AO/AO (Intramural and Extramural), Project Investigator (PI), Division Head, and the Head of the Host Institute shall be held personally responsible and accountable.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(Jaibir Singh)
Assistant Director General(Admn.)

To,
Director/ Director-in-charge of all institutes/Centres of ICMR.

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