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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Rationalization of eligibility criteria for Project Technical Support (PTS-I & PTS-II) positions under Non-Institutional Project Human Resource Guidelines – reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the ICMR Hqrs. Order No. 16/29/2023-Admn./e-157401 dated 18.10.2024 circulating the revised guidelines for engagement of ICMR Non-Institutional Project Human Resource Positions.

2. Under the existing guidelines, a higher position like PTS-III permits Postgraduate (PG) degree candidates to be engaged *without* mandatory professional experience. Conversely, the lower positions (PTS-I & PTS-II) stringently require a Graduate degree along with 1–2 years of experience, creating a functional hierarchy mismatch and an acute scarcity of eligible candidates during recruitment.

3. To ensure logical progression and smooth, time-bound implementation of research projects across all ICMR Institutes/Centres, the Competent Authority has approved the following relaxations/clarifications:

(i) **Eligibility of Postgraduate Candidates:** Candidates possessing a Post-Graduate (PG) degree in the relevant discipline shall be deemed fully eligible for recruitment against **PTS-I** and **PTS-II** positions without requiring any mandatory work experience.

(ii) **Equivalency of Higher Qualification:** The additional higher qualification (Master's Degree) acquired beyond the minimum prescribed educational requirement (Bachelor's Degree) will be treated *in par* with the required experience duration.

4. These modifications shall come into force with immediate effect for all ongoing and future project recruitment cycles across ICMR networks.

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To:

1. Directors/Directors-in-Charge of all ICMR Institutes/Centres.
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