

Terms of Reference to Quinquennial Review Team

Basically, the idea is to examine whether the research and development programmes are in conformity with the priorities of the ICAR and the nation.

A. Institute/unit

(i) Research achievements and impact

- To critically examine and identify research achievements of the Institutes, Projects/KVKs, and their Regional Stations and Sub-Stations, AICRPs operated by them vis-à-vis sectoral programmes since the previous QR and critically evaluate them. Commensurate with the objectives, mandates and resources of the organization, the socio-economic impact of research on farmers/beneficiaries, and transferability of results to farmers through extension should be critically reviewed.
- The research and its impact should be brought out in quantifiable benchmarks wherever possible.
- To know the value for money, QRT should assess and bring out the physical outputs and outcomes vis-à-vis the budget spent during the period under report. If the likely outcomes are going to take considerable time, the projected outcomes should be indicated.
- The socio-economic impact of research on farmers/beneficiaries and transferability of results to farmers being an important aspect of research outcome the transferability should be mandatory for major research projects.

(ii) Research relevance and budget allocation

To examine objectives, scope and relevance of the research programmes and budget of the institute for the next 5 years in relation to overall state/regional/national plans, policies and long- and short-term priorities and also the Perspective Plan and Vision 2020 documents.

(iii) Relationship/collaboration with SAUs and other stakeholders

To pinpoint whether the research programmes of the past and proposal for future are in harmony with the Vision of the ICAR (Hq) and the programme of the related centres of research and agricultural universities, state government, private sector and IARCs.

(iv) Linkages with clients/end-users

To examine the kind of linkages established with the clients and end-users of the research results, i.e. farmers/fishermen and the extent of interest displayed in conducting “On-farm research”, on farmers’ fields and in organizing

demonstrations/training courses for the transfer of technology to extension agencies and KVKs of the ICAR.

(v) Proposed changes in organization, programmes and budget

To examine whether any changes in the organizational set-up are called for manpower and funds allocation. The decentralization in day-to-day working and the transparency should be highlighted. Further, the committee may also examine the resource generation efforts and implementation of Project-based Budgeting.

(vi) Constraints

To examine constraints hindering the institute in achieving its objectives and implementation of its programme and goals, and to recommend ways and means of minimizing or eliminating them.

(vii) Looking forward

To look into any other point considered relevant by the Committee or referred to it by the ICAR, the Institute Director or the Management Committee, in respect of future programme development, research prioritization and management changes.