

ICAR opposes plea to reconduct entrance

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The Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) has taken exception to the plea to conduct afresh the All India Entrance Examination held on August 18 and 19 for admission to undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses and award of Junior Research Fellowships and Senior Research Fellowships (AIEEA UG/PG and AICE JRF/SRF) for 2018-19 for Kerala candidates in view of the

flood situation.

In an affidavit, the ICAR told the High Court that it had considered the request of the candidates for postponement or rescheduling of the examination in the State.

It was not advisable to reschedule the entire examination as all the ICAR team members had reached the examination centres. Besides, had the examination been postponed, it would have had the effect of furth-

er delaying the start of the academic sessions.

Moreover, there was no guarantee that such adverse situation might not arise again.

Had the examination been rescheduled, the ICAR could not declare the results of the rest of the candidates and no counselling and admissions could be made for them, causing great injustice to them for no fault of theirs. It might further delay the academic session 2018-19.