

## ANNEXURE 24

**Extract from the letter (ref.no.1-PD-Corr/14/3440 dated 14/19 August 2014) received from Dr B. Gangwar, Project Director, Project Directorate for Farming Systems Research, Meerut, UP**

Greetings! I am to inform you that Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in its 21<sup>st</sup> Extended Finance Committee (EFC) meeting held on 15 July 2014 has recommended for creation of 7 new centres under Network Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) to provide the technological backstopping on organic farming for niche crops and areas. The Network Project on Organic farming was started in Tenth five year plan with 13 centres and since then it has generated useful scientific information leading to development of organic package for 18 crops in systems perspective. However, considering the support of Government of India for organic farming and a way forward, the organic research needs to be further strengthened specially for niche crops (specially hi-value crops) in the niche areas, preferably where organic farming is being practiced by default.

In this regard, I am **happy to inform that your Institute/University/Organization has been identified for undertaking organic farming system research in the network.**