

1.3.3 Related Provisions, Acts, Rules, etc.

The functioning of the Agricultural Technology Information Centre (ATIC) at ICAR-CMFRI is guided by the broad regulatory framework, policies, and operational guidelines of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) of the Government of India. The key related provisions include:

- **ICAR Guidelines for ATICs:** ATICs across ICAR institutes function as per the operational guidelines issued by ICAR Headquarters to establish a Single Window System for the dissemination of technologies and services to farmers, entrepreneurs, and the public.
- **ICAR Financial and Administrative Rules (ICAR F&AR):** All financial transactions, procurement processes, and administrative decisions at ATIC are governed by the Financial and Administrative Rules laid down by ICAR to ensure accountability and transparency.
- **General Financial Rules (GFR) – Government of India:** ATIC operations involving budgeting, sales, revenue generation, and procurement adhere to the General Financial Rules of ICAR, issued by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India.
- **Public Relations and Outreach Guidelines:** Public engagement activities, exhibitions, training programmes, and collaborations with Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producing Organisations (FPOs) and other government departments follow the outreach and extension guidelines prescribed by ICAR.
- **DST Project Norms:** The functioning of the Science Technology Innovation (STI) Hub within ATIC is aligned with the project-specific guidelines provided by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, including infrastructure utilisation, fund management, and beneficiary selection criteria.
- **Institutional Rules of ICAR-CMFRI:** ATIC also operates in accordance with internal administrative and operational procedures approved by the Director, ICAR-CMFRI, which cover visitor management, sales counter operations, laboratory services facilitation, and public interface protocols.

These provisions collectively ensure that ATIC functions efficiently, in a transparent manner, and in compliance with institutional, financial, and governmental norms.