

## 1.1 Particulars of its organization, functions and duties [section 4(1)(b)(i)]

1.1.1	Name and address of the Organization	ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR)
1.1.2	Head of the Organization	Director
1.1.3	Vision, Mission and Key Objective	<p><b>Vision</b></p> <p>Our Vision is: "Transforming millets cultivation from subsistence farming to globally competitive through cost-effective and environment friendly production, processing and value addition technologies and supply chain networks".</p> <p><b>Mission</b></p> <p>The envisaged primary mission is "to promote economic growth by generating and disseminating ready-to-use technologies which create markets, respond to current and future economic demands, and maintain the long-term sustainability of the agricultural resource base."</p>
1.1.4	Function and duties	<p><b>Mandate</b></p> <p>Basic and strategic research to increase productivity of millets and their diversified utilization for enhancement of profitability.</p> <p>Coordination and development of improved crop production and protection technologies of millets.</p> <p>Training and consultancy on millet production and utilization.</p> <p>Dissemination of technologies and capacity building.</p>
1.1.5	Organization Chart	
1.1.6	Any other details-the genesis, inception, formation of the department and the HoDs from time to time as well as the committees/ Commissions constituted from time to time have been dealt	<p>Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR) is a premier agricultural research institute engaged in basic and strategic research on sorghum and other millets under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).</p> <p>IIMR coordinates and facilitates Millets research at national level through All India Coordinated</p>

		<p>Research Projects on Millets, Pearl Millet and Small Millets and provides linkages with various national and international agencies.</p> <p>Significant Achievements in Sorghum Research / Research highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All together 35 Sorghum Hybrids; 32 Sorghum Varieties released through AICRP system including 1 sweet sorghum Hybrid, 2 sweet sorghum varieties and 3 single-cut forage varieties; and 2 multi – cut hybrids besides about 175 state varieties released through various SAUs.</li><li>• The substantial impact has been made through the development of new hybrids and varieties, and improved production technologies to increase kharif and rabi sorghum productivity by 93.0%, and rabi production by 80% respectively.</li><li>• Sustainable production, protection, processing and seed technologies across cropping systems and agro-ecological zones for enhanced production and utilization of sorghum in food, feed, fodder and biofuel sectors.</li><li>• Up-scaled value addition protocols through pilot studies for use of kharif grain in non-food sector, particularly feed, starch production and potable or industrial alcohol; and sweet stalked sorghum in the production of syrup and ethanol.</li><li>• New DNA markers have been developed and marker-assisted selection for evolving new cultivars resistant to drought, shoot fly, and other stresses is being practiced.</li><li>• Transgenic sorghum lines resistant to stem borer, drought and salinity are in pipeline.</li><li>• Quality of grain and fodder are being improved using transgenic and marker</li></ul>
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