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Sub: Can Scientific Fraud Go Unpunished in India?

Respected Sir / Madam,

India's economic progress is dependent on the breakthrough and advancements achieved by our scientists. Scientific knowledge is the new most powerful tool for wealth generation.

The world's largest democratic country, India does not have a law governing Scientific Fraud. Researchers are under pressure to show results for a piece of the growing pie of foreign funds. The fierce competition amongst the scientist community has made a few to choose the easy way out by engaging in plagiarism and submitting and standing by unsubstantiated data, which at times is contrary to basic principle of science.

CENTEGRO, a non profit body of farmers, scientists, industrialists and all stake holders of progress in Indian agriculture aims to rid our country of this malady. Especially Environmental laboratory crimes must be considered at par with environmental crimes and should form an integral part of The Environment (Protection) Act 1986.

India urgently needs regulations & guidelines to deal with scientists who have been found guilty of misconduct in research or plagiarism. Kindly let us have your views by means of a letter which will pronounce your stand and be an enabler for ushering in a new enactment of law which will protect, prevent & promote genuine scientific endeavor in our beloved country.

Thanking you.

Yours truly,

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For Mr. Rajju Shroff, Chairman, CENTEGRO (Center for Environment & Agrochemicals).

Enclosure:

1. Articles on Plagiarism & Need for the Enactment of the Scientific Fraud Act in India.