

F.No. 2-5/2023-NRAA
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
National Rainfed Area Authority

2nd Floor, NASC Complex
DPS Marg, Pusa,
New Delhi-110012
Dated: 24-11-2023

To,

1. The Principal Secretary/Secretary (Agriculture/Water Resources/Irrigation/AH&Fisheries/Forestry) of all State Governments and Administrations of all Union Territories,
2. Vice Chancellor of all Agriculture Universities,
3. Heads of Autonomous, Statutory Organizations and Recognized Research Institutions,
4. CMDs of all Public Sector Undertakings.

Subject: Filling up of five posts of Technical Experts (Level-15/14) on deputation (including short term contract) basis in NRAA-reg.

Sir,

It is proposed to fill up five posts of Technical Experts, one each in the following discipline, General Central Service, Group 'A', Gazetted, Non-Ministerial in Level-15/14, on deputation (including short term contract) basis in National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA), an attached office of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare:-

2. Eligibility Conditions of Technical Experts:- Officers of the Central Government or State Governments or Union Territory Administrations or Universities or recognized research institutions or public sector undertakings or statutory or autonomous organisations.-

I* (a) for appointment to level 15 (Rs. 182200-224100) in the pay matrix.-

- (i) holding analogous post on a regular basis in the parent cadre or department; or
- (ii) with three years service rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in post in level 14 (Rs. 144200-218200) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or department; or

(b) for appointment to level 14 (Rs. 144200-218200) in the pay matrix.-

- (i) holding analogous post on regular basis in the parent cadre or department; or
- (ii) with two years service rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in post in level 13A (Rs. 131100-216600) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or department; or
- (iii) with three years service rendered after appointment thereto on a regular basis in post in level 13 (Rs. 123100-215900) in the pay matrix or equivalent in the parent cadre or department; and,

* (applicable for all the five posts)

B. Possessing the following educational qualifications and experience, discipline wise:- 30 DEC 2023

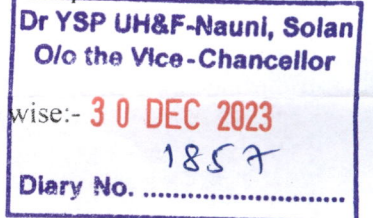
(1) Agriculture and Horticulture:

(a) Essential:-

- (i) Master's Degree in Agricultural Sciences (excluding Animal Sciences) with specialisation in Agronomy or Plant Breeding or Genetics or Horticulture from a recognised University or Institute; and
- (ii) experience of at least eighteen years for level 15 (Rs. 182200-224100) in the pay matrix and, fifteen years for level 14 (Rs. 144200-218200) in the pay matrix in assessment or management and mitigation of various climatic and associated risks in crop production or horticulture.

(b) Desirable:-

- (i) Doctorate Degree in Agronomy or Plant Breeding or Genetics or Horticulture; and
- (ii) evidence of research or published works on concerned topics.



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(2) Water Management:

(a) Essential.-

(i) Master's Degree in Engineering (Soil and Water Conservation or Water Resources or Hydrology or Water Management) from a recognised University or Institute;
and

(ii) experience of at least eighteen years for level 15 (Rs. 182200-224100) in the pay matrix and fifteen years for level 14 (Rs. 144200-218200) in the pay matrix in water management or water productivity enhancement or water use efficiency or recycling of Waste Water for Crop Production or Participatory Water Governance.

(b) Desirable.-

(i) Doctorate Degree in Soil and Water Conservation or Water Resources or Hydrology or Water Management; and

(ii) evidence of research or published works on concerned topics.

(3) Forestry:

(a) Essential.-

(i) Master's Degree in Forestry or Agro-Forestry from a recognised University or Institute; or Post-Graduate Diploma holder in Forestry from Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy awarded to IFoS probationers on successful completion of their training;
and

(ii) experience of at least eighteen years for level 15 (Rs. 182200-224100) in the pay matrix and fifteen years for level 14 (Rs. 144200-218200) in the pay matrix in management of biomass or energy plantation or industrial plantation or medicinal plantation or range lands or joint forest management or minor forest produce or agro-forestry.

(b) Desirable.-

(i) Doctorate Degree in the Forestry; and

(ii) evidence of research or published works on concerned topics.

(4) Watershed Development:

(a) Essential.-

(i) Master's Degree in Engineering (Soil and Water Conservation or Water Resources or Hydrology or Watershed or Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System) or, Master's Degree in Agriculture with specialisation in Soil Science or Soil and Water Conservation or Agronomy from a recognised University or Institute;
and

(ii) experience of at least eighteen years for level 15 (Rs. 182200-224100) in the pay matrix and fifteen years for level 14 (Rs. 144200-218200) in the pay matrix in soil and water conservation or conservation agriculture or watershed management or integrated farming system or natural resource management or mobilisation of communities or capacity building in the above areas.

(b) Desirable:

(i) Doctorate Degree in Soil and Water Conservation/ Water Resources or Hydrology or Watershed or Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System or Soil Science or Agronomy; and

(ii) evidence of research or published works on concerned topics.

(5) Animal Husbandry and Fisheries:

(a) Essential.-

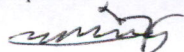
(i) Master's Degree in Veterinary Sciences or Animal Sciences or Dairy or Fisheries from a recognised University or Institute;
and

(ii) experience of at least eighteen years for level 15 (Rs. 182200-224100) in the pay matrix and, fifteen years for level 14 (Rs. 144200-218200) in the pay matrix in livestock or dairy or fisheries or pastures and common property management;

(b) Desirable.-

(i) Doctorate Degree in Veterinary Sciences or Animal Sciences or Dairy or Fisheries;

(ii) evidence of research or published works on concerned topics.



3. The list of Duties/Responsibilities attached to the posts of Technical Experts. The Duties/Responsibilities are attached at Appendix-I.

4. **Regulation of pay:-** The pay of selected candidate will be regulated under the provisions contained in the DOP&T O.M. No. 6/8/2009-Estt. (Pay-II) dated 17/06/2010 as amended from time to time.

5. **Age limit:-** The maximum age limit for appointment by deputation (including short term contract) shall be not exceeding 58 years as on the closing date of receipt of applications.

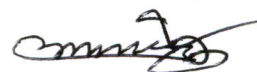
6. **Period of Deputation:-** The Technical Expert shall hold office for a period of five years or till he attains the age of sixty two(62) years, whichever is earlier: provided that where a serving officer is appointed as Technical Expert, he shall be on deputation (including short-term contract) until he attains the age of superannuation and thereafter, he may be considered for extension of tenure on re-employment terms.

7. Application(s) is to be provided (in duplicate) only in the prescribed proforma (**Annexure-I**) of eligible candidate(s) **duly countersigned** whose services can be spared immediately on selection, together with the certificate from the Forwarding Authority (in proforma Annexure-II) along with the following documents:-

- Cadre clearance.
- Integrity certificate
- List of major/minor penalties imposed if any, on the official during the last 10 years; (if no penalty has been imposed a 'Nil' certificate should be enclosed).
- Vigilance clearance certificate.
- Attested photocopies of the ACRs for the last five years (2018-19 to 2022-23) (attested on each page by an officer not below the rank of an Under Secretary to the Govt. of India).

8. The required documents mentioned at the end of Annexure, may be forwarded to the Under Secretary, National Rainfed Area Authority, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, 2nd Floor, NASC Complex, Dev Prakash Shastri Marg, Pusa, New Delhi-110012, within 45 days of the publication of the advertisement in the Employment News/Rozgar Samachar. The communication is also available on the website www.nraa.gov.in & www.agricoop.nic.in. Application not forwarded through proper channel or those received without the requisite certificates and necessary documents will not be entertained. The candidates who apply for the post will not be allowed to withdraw their candidature subsequently. In case applying for more than one post separate applications should be submitted.

Yours faithfully,


(A K Singh)

Under Secretary
Tel. No. 25842838

Copy to:-

1. All Ministries/Departments including DAH&F, Ministry of Jal Shakti, DOLR & Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change. It is requested that the above vacancies may please be given wide publicity in organizations under their administrative control.
2. Secretary, ICAR, New Delhi, for circulation in the various ICAR research institutions.
3. All Organizations of DA & FW.
4. DS (RFS), DA&FW.
5. U.S (P.I). It is requested that the above vacancies may please be circulated in the DA & FW.
6. Copy to NIC for uploading on the website of DA & FW.
7. Notice Board
8. Guard File

Duties in brief attached to the five posts of Technical Experts in National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA)

1. **Technical Expert (Water Management):-** To prepare a perspective plan and road map for holistic and sustainable development of rainfed farming areas including enhancing water productivity, improving water use efficiency in varying quality water. Recycling of industrial and domestic affluent and ground utilization, economy evaluation of water use and systems of application.
2. **Technical Expert (Agriculture/Horticulture):-** To identify rainfed areas and prepare watershed development programmes for integrated natural resource management in consultation with states, focusing on multi-dimensional crop, horticulture, agro-pasture integrated systems and programmes for landless farming communities. Assessment management and mitigation of droughts, climate and other associated risks.
3. **Technical Expert (Animal Husbandry & Fisheries):-** To prepare a perspective plan and road map for holistic and sustainable development of livestock generation and conservation, dairying and promoting milk cooperatives and rearing of small ruminants especially by the landless, small and marginal farmers and women including pastures and common property management.
4. **Technical Expert (Forestry):-** To prepare a perspective plan and road map for holistic and sustainable development in management of bio-mass, bio-fuels, fuel wood. Industrial plantation including medicinal plants, range lands, grasses, feed and fodder production. Joint forest management including minor forest produce and rain water conservation and management.
5. **Technical Expert (Watershed Development):-** To prepare a perspective plan and road map to identify rainfed areas and prepare watershed development programmes for integrated natural resource management in consultation with states. To develop, mobilization of communities, capacity building, participatory rural appraisals, alternative institutions, conservation of water, soil and vegetation, water harvesting and recycling equitable distribution. To devise activities for asset less, landless, woman, artisans, small and marginal farmers.

Proforma for application for the posts of Technical Expert on Deputation (including short-term contract) basis in National Rainfed Area Authority, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.

BIO-DATA/CURRICULUM VITAE PROFORMA

1. Name and Address (in Block Letters) with telephone number.		
2. Date of Birth (in Christian era)		
3. i) Date of entry into service		
ii) Date of retirement under Central/State Government Rules		
4. Educational Qualifications		
5. Whether Educational and other qualifications required for the post are satisfied. (if any qualification has been treated as equivalent to the one prescribed in the Rules, state the authority for the same)		
Criteria	Qualification/Experience required as per the circular	Qualification / Experience possessed by the officer
Eligibility Conditions		

6. Details of Employment, in chronological order. Enclose a separate sheet duly authenticated by your signature, if the space below is sufficient.

Office/ Organization	Post Held on regular basis	Period of service		Pay Level/ pay band and grade pay	Nature of appointment whether regular/ ad- hoc/deputation	Nature of duties (in detail)
		From	To			

* **Important:** Pay band and Grade pay granted under MACP/ACP are personal to the officer and therefore, should not be mentioned. Only pay band and Grade Pay/ Pay scale of the post held on regular basis to be mentioned. Details of ACP/MACP with present pay Band and Grade pay where such benefits have been drawn by the candidate may be indicated as under:

Office/ Organization	Pay, Pay Band and Grade Pay drawn under ACP/MACP Scheme	From	To
7. Nature of present employment i.e. Adhoc or Temporary or Quasi-Permanent or Permanent			
8. In case the present employment is held on deputation/contract basis, please state.			
a) The date of initial appointment	b) Period of appointment on deputation/contract	c) Name of the parent office/ organization to which the applicant belongs.	d) Name of the post and Pay of the post held in substantive capacity in the parent organization.
8.1 Note: In case of Officers, already on deputation, the applications of such officers should be forwarded by the parent/cadre/ Department along with Cadre Clearance, Vigilance Clearance and Integrity certificate.			
8.2 Note: Information under Column 8 © & (d) above must be given in all cases where a person is holding a post on deputation outside the cadre/ organization but still maintaining a lien in his parent cadre/ organization.			
9. If any post held on Deputation in the past by the applicant, date of return from the last deputation and other details.			
10. Additional details about present employment:			
Please state whether working under (indicate the name of your employer against the relevant column)			

a) Central Government b) State Government c) Autonomous Organization d) Government Undertaking e) Universities f) Others		
11. Please state whether you are working in the same Department and are in the feeder grade or feeder to feeder grade.		
12. Are you in Revised Scale of Pay? If yes, give the date from which the revision took place and also indicate the pre-revised scale.		
13. Total Emoluments per month now drawn		
Pay level in the Pay Matrix		Total Emoluments
14. In case the applicant belongs to an Organization which is not following the Central Government Pay-scales, the latest salary slip issued by the Organization showing the following details may be enclosed.		
Basic Pay with Scale of Pay and rate of increment	Dearness Pay/interim relief/ other Allowances etc., (with break-up details)	Total Emoluments
15. A Additional information, if any, relevant to the post you applied for in support of your suitability for the post. (This among other things may provide information with regard to (i) additional academic qualifications (ii) professional training and (iii) work experience over and above prescribed in the Vacancy Circular/Advertisement) (Note: Enclose a separate sheet, if the space is insufficient)		
15. B. Achievements: The candidates are requested to indicate information with regard to; (i) Research publications and reports and special projects. (ii) Awards/Scholarships/Official Appreciation. (iii) Affiliation with the professional bodies/institutions/societies and; (iv) Patents registered in own name or achieved for the organization. (v) Any research/innovative measure involving official recognition. (vi) Any other information. (Note: Enclose a separate sheet if the space is insufficient)		

<p>16. Please state whether you are applying for deputation (ISTC)/Absorption/Re-employment Basis.# (Officers under Central/State Governments are only eligible for "Absorption". Candidates of non-Government Organizations are eligible only for Short Term Contact)</p>	
<p># (The option of 'STC'/Absorption/ 'Re-employment' are available only if the vacancy circular specially mentioned recruitment by "STC" or "Absorption" or "Re-employment").</p>	
<p>17. Whether belongs to SC/ST</p>	

I have carefully gone through the vacancy circular/ advertisement and I am well aware that the information furnished in the Curriculum Vitae duly supported by the documents in respect of Essential Qualification/Work Experience submitted by me will also be assessed by the Selection Committee at the time of selection for the post. The information/details provided by me are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and no material fact having a bearing on my selection has been suppressed/withheld.

(Signature of the candidate)

Address _____

Email _____

Date _____

Countersigned

(Employer/Cadre Controlling Authority with Seal)

Certification by the Employer/Cadre Controlling Authority

The information/ details provided in the above application by the applicant are true and correct as per the facts available on records. He/she possesses educational qualifications and experience mentioned in the vacancy Circular. if selected, he/she will be relived immediately.

2. Also certified that;

i) There is no vigilance or disciplinary case pending/ contemplated against

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(ii) His/Her integrity is certified.

(iii) His/Her CR Dossier in original is enclosed/photocopies of the ACRs for the last 5 years duly attested by an officer of the rank of Under Secretary of the Govt. of India or above are enclosed.

(iv) No major/ minor penalty has been imposed on him/ her during the last 10 years Or

A list of major/minor penalties imposed on him/her during the last 10 year is enclosed. (as the case may be).

Countersigned

(Employer/ Cadre Controlling Authority with Seal)

Place :

Dated:

Name & Designation:

Telephone No:

Fax No.:

Office Seal:

